Difference in the new council

1. New type of chairman - not a one-man show
   worked with clique - older, watched things grow

2. Older group Cliques immediately offended
   clash of opinion

3. Worked constantly with issei = joint chairmen when
   met together

4. Took full responsibility for nisei issue (Camp Jerome)

Summary of 1st Council

1. A one-man organization

2. Badly integrated with cty – IAB, Bd's, etc

3. Created no general policies or symbols of Boston unity
   = ad hoc Trust fund = did not work

4. Created more disturbances than satisfactions

5. Was ignored largely by adm.

6. Chairman had about same attitude to cl sci pt of view as adm.

7. But collapsed largely because of accident of personalities

8. Made some real accomplishments

Work of the Council
Effect of actions
Investigating
Internal affairs
Outside relations
Little sensitivity to by council

Effects of actions
Community interests
Failures
City attorney towards
"Hogs"
Information
Cochinder
Bar complaint
Police dept.
Com. net.
Coop clash

Prestige of councilmen
General unfavorability

Child council
Was called merely a part of adm. =
not self-government

Function of council
1. Fact-finding – effective +
2. Internal organization – effective except F.P.C.
3. Complaint channel – faulty
4. Policies, concepts, symbols – little
Education for councilmen – ~~[illegible]~~ 3 & 12 Municipal Letters
Symbols

The City & Self-Govt

Relation to City as a whole - What happens to Council at time of strike?

Council isolated from gen'l city (also from admn)

Strike broke down isolation

The City

Development of Issei sentiment

1. Attitudes to Camps
   Old documentation
   FBI, Religion (hiding)
2. attitudes among Issei
   Nisei & JACL
3. The future
   Japan

Nisei - Issei Issue in Boston

Juster

Cultural reversion

Issei a force + meant reorganization of society

N.B. big conflict =

WRA forcing Nisei on top at same time

That issei were coming to top

result =

Complete social disorganization.

Many rule + sanctions

Then the strike with its symbols of social solidarity.

Social structure of strike

Issei out on top

Nisei brought in at admn. suggestion

New type of nisei - the old opposition (Kibei)

Nisei older

New council already has cliques

Fail in struggle for executive power -

Admn does not give in on this = advisers

WRA Policies
Slow development, not a straightjacket

Chronology
Failure to transmit on time
Lack of relation between center action + WRA policy (CPB)
Effects (reactions) of these on city
An adjustment — IAB
Zinnel difference between camps

Structure,
Issei + block councils — spontaneous development
Similarity of post-strike structure to old CPB plans
Fund repr Staff council (IAB, WRA)
CPB
Akin to PII = triple org.

Increased issei importance, but adjustment to WRA
Lack of integration of ctr. structure as compared with II
Major deviations from WRA
IAB
Quads
Joint I-N (objects to "advice")
Struggle for executive power (CEC)
(Comes "can't tell them what to do")

Personalities
One-man show (T.C.C.)
Adm. split
Council — interested but no attitudes during 1st council

Administrative problems indicated

1. The problem of proceeding slowly vs providing definite basis to work on

a) Timing — be careful that plans + instructions do not frustrate. Keep in touch with initiated projects at first. Not superseding

b) WRA committed itself only in regard to temporary govt, at first,

c) Evacuees took hold and worked on problems, there was sufficient incentive

2. The problem of where to begin the organization

a) all over (best = e.g. integration in II

b) top (~~Best~~, because don't reach too far into city, and lower areas can develop selves. Taking the group within city + working with it = good) ~~[illegible]~~

c) bottom

d) Caucasian personnel (also needed training & experience for developing self-govt

For working with committee

3. The nisei-issei issue

Issei should be given offices

Attempted to integrate city with outside non-people

Was accident that I came to Spencer

4. The question of executive power apart from adm.

C & C worked for this, held that adm. did not know how to give orders

Should be — would give meaning to whole self-govt. program.

Civic Planning — June

16 = Council — 7 — on a quad, 1 nisei + 1 issei

To draft constitution

Found to be cumbersome & therefore nisei

delegated to make first draft

Legal Dept. = advisory

Doubtful on two points

1. 25 + voting age for issei, too

2. Nine wards (from "Quade")

7 election districts to 15 + 5

5, 6, 11, 12

3, 4, 13, 14

33, 38, 43, 44

53, 54, 59, 60

2, 15, 16, 19

35, 36, 45, 46

17, 18, 30, 31, 32

21, 22, 27, 28

26, 39, 42

6 mos

"general rule-making power for the government of Boston"

Chairman = chief executive officer of city

City Clerk, city attorney, bldg. mgr. supervisor, police commr, fire marshall, health officer } Offices

Commissions — Civil Service, Police, Fire Dept., Health & Hosp.

} Council

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Commissioners — Civil Service, Police, Fire Dept., Health + Hosp.

The Political System of Poston as of September 1, 1942 -----

Political
I. The Institutions as Social Structures

A. The Block Manager System
Block Managers to Evans to Head
~~Mishonymous and changes~~

B. The Temporary Community Council
People, Council, and Committees to Department heads, etc
~~History development~~
Comparisons with Poston II

II. Dynamics of the Political Institutions

A. Dynamics of Block Manager System
Types of Action and results

B. Dynamics of the Council System
Types of Actions and Results

III. Interests of the Political System

Things and symbols and relations dealt with by the system
The Division of labor(interests) between the two sub-systems
Interests not dealt with thru political system

IV. Dissatisfactions with the Systems

Administration
Political officials
People

V. Satisfactions with the System

VI. Relation of the System to the Rest of the Culture

As a part of the total authority system of the evacuees
As a part of the external authority system

9/2 — Jerome Cte

City Fair Booth — N

Radio —

Publicity Code of Offense — Y

W H on SF Corp.

Doctor at Cance.

If entry avoid B Mts — Y

Jerry Cte — check on 45¢ — N

9/9 — aden tries Pol. D. away

Odd Fellows — Y ⅓

Hospital funny — Y

L + O non offense — Y

Music Code

9/16 — Elects for IAB — Y

Sr. Leg. — Hornsby Lundy — BM

W.P. — Warehouse labor — Y

Outside empl. Dept — Y

Private entertainment — PD

10/21 — Late mail, telex — memo —

10/28 — Council pick Cotter
Cotter by Hooks —

11/4 — Memo on speaking tracks
Carey's schedule
7I lawsuit against demandy
Pre I AB mtg — V

11/11 — Memo Ulsky for CII — V — N
Exec sec for CI — V — N

9/23 — Final Board for II — Y
Outside L. 2 — VK
Educ. Budget —
Private ent.
Pension Ctee. elected.

9/30 — Personal leave —
Orgs on stores, etc. — memo
Ann. Ref. Hearing being completed —
Basic policy, re Com Ret — Ctee WH

10/7 — Crematory — Resolution — Y
Com Ret & Policy — Resolution —
Personal leave Bureau — V — N
Postpone Corp elects — V — N
Fire signal memo — N —

10/14 — Trust fund — V — Y
Stops — memo — Y
Pay roll — Resolution —
Rooden —
FPC —
Stover — Reco — N

Cotton picker —

Council action

8/5 — Ctee appted

8/7 — memo to WH on colors for hostilities — Y

8/12 — 30 goes over WH desk — O

8/19 — Code of Offenses

Vote of Confidence to Food Cte

WP — equal wages

Colors in

8/26 — WH says go slow

Vote of Confidence to Police

Press release — N

City Emt — Vote of Confidence

Actions Completed

d – Ctee appointed – A
L – Code of Offenses – V
L – Traffic Regulation – V
Confidence in Fire Ctee – V – but NT
L – " in Police – V
E – " " City Govt – V
d – Finance Ctee – A
R – Jt Auty Lived BMs – V
R – IAB pleasure – V
L – L + O admission – V
R – Elections for IAB – V
H – Loc Self Govt – V
L – Trial Board for II – V
d – Dem Govt Ctee – A
E – Trust Fund – V
E – Koodesa – A
R – FPC – A
E – Commis Priel Cotton – A
Deficit in Block – A
R – Pre IAB auty – V

Police on Coloure – R
Publishing Code of Offences – R
Hospital funding – R
Warehousing labor – R
Outside Empl Dept –
Educ. Budget – A
Cremating – R
Stage memo –
Speeding trucks – memo
Vote on SF Conf –
Poplin or Bldg –
JHE on BMk

Actions not Completed

TI to Province, etc. — Letter

— Prec release than P & Ch — V

— City Fair Month — V

Radio — V

~~Books at Camp.~~ — ?

— Food Ch check — V

— Prairie Policing — Resolution

— Personal Service Bureau — V

— Postfare Cary Clerk — V

— Time signal memo — '

— Pay-roll — Rec

— Stores — Rec

— Late mail, etc. — Promo

— Prove Mdy Jan II — V

— Open bar for Ch — V

— Release Nichols — Resol.

— Food Ch Invest. —

POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF POSTON AS OF SEPT. 15

This is an effort to define a part of one of the social structures of Poston. It differs from other reports in several respects. For one thing it contains very little material which can be summarized in numerical terms. I have no statistical tables with a couple of exceptions and these I do not regard as showing anything of very much importance. Another respect in which the report differs from other that have preceded is that it has not been begun as an inquiry into some maladjustment. It is perhaps more in the class with the house exteriors surveys, in that it deals with a positive sort of adjustment to new conditions rather than a negative set of adjustments, as is predominantly the case in connection with food and housing and family.

The purpose of this report, as I have said, is to outline a social structure. That structure goes by the name of the Poston Temporary Community Council. I began by thinking of it as a political institution, but it might be wrong, I think now, to call it a political institution. It is not quite like any other political structures I know. Its closest analogy is to that of the Tribal councils set up under the Indian Reorganization Act. The Council is part of a fairly complicated structure and cannot be understood except in its relations with that larger administrative structure. Hence I shall have to give some description of the latter as a background. But before I do that let me say a few words about the methods employed in this little study.

Method of Study. The study was begun with a definite concept as to what should be observed. I did not begin with the idea that I should observe some abstraction such as the political organization of Poston. The unit of observation was conceived as the relations between 36 individuals who were found to be meeting once a week and calling themselves the Temporary Community Council. The relations between each of these individuals and all other individuals in Poston were conceived as the focus of attention. How are these individuals interacting with each other? That was the basic question. In order to define these relations two approaches had to be used. I had to see and record how they behaved towards each other. I had to hear and record what they said about themselves and others in this aspect of their behavior. The definition of the relationship would consist therefore in a summary of their acts and statements. Thus the basic data consists of records of observed behavior and interviews or other statements.

Now what was I trying to find out as a result of this examination of interpersonal relations? I focussed my attention on two sorts of questions: (1) what are the nature of conflicts, if any, observable in these relations? and (2) what kind of solutions have been worked out for the conflicts or seem possible? Defining the conflicts also results in defining the relations without conflict. Now a program of this sort is very large and needless to say could not be carried out very completely. This report is merely a beginning at outlining a certain group of relationships in Poston. I believe that it will make clear certain relationships, show their general setting in the community, and indicate how they might be kept track of for deeper and deeper study of this aspect of community life. This report then may serve as a sort of signboard for guiding a portion of our general study--- pointing the way and suggesting approaches.

Minutes
Pre-Temp. Council
Issei Rep. Council (B)
Oth Ingrs. (factual)

S.J.

Election Analysis (factual)

Interview
2 on election
4
15

The Issei-Nisei issue in P II
2 distinct organizations (dissect from P II)
Issei Informal Council
Personnel —
actions & Opinions
Nisei Pre-Temp Coun.
personnel
action & Opinions

Placement in Space and Time. It should be helpful to keep in mind the place of the Council in relation to the whole social life of Poston. We are not prepared quite yet to even sketch that as a whole, but it does seem possible to indicate its position in relation to that part of the social structure which for want of a better word we can call political, that is the general administrative set-up of the community. In doing this I am going to present an outline, still incomplete, of the formal set of supervisory relationships which exist and into which Poston fits with a definite position. Let me begin by pointing out the relationship of the whole community to the federal government of the U. S. and to the other relocation centers. Always remember that this stands merely as a symbol of certain general formal relationships of a supervisory kind. It does not include the informal relationships based on friendship, etc. thru which things are accomplished outside the established channels of relationship. It does not include the very important attitudinal aspect of the relationships, that is, the attitudes of individuals within the framework which make him behave in ways possibly at variance with the official policies of one of the administrative units. Here is the chart of this larger over-all set of relationships.

Now these lines it must be remembered do not say very much. Let us consider what the various ones seem to mean in this set-up

1. Example of Manual for Self-Government, compiled by Kneier at order of Provinse, transmitted to Coverley of regional office and direct from him to Head.
2. Early memoranda on self-government by Fruer and Adams to Head, later from Eisenhower to Head.

(Note way of determining relationships thru study of transmission of memoranda etc.)

3. Hiring and firing through Indian Office, since latter is responsible for operation of Poston project. Other hiringand firing through S.F. regional office.

Explanation of the liaison organization.

The chart of the Poston set-up. Lines of supervision reaching down through various divisions from Project Director to people. Note difference of council in the matter of getting back up from people to Project Director. ... There is no contrast in lines as supervisory and other which sets off council distinct, except that whereas the other lines represent both and supervisory and other relations, the council contains no supervisory element.... Follow out, for example, the warehouse line to show relationships. ... Reserve council follow out until later. ... Explain branch, division, and section, and department.... Branches corresponding to Indian Service branches(?).... eight branches, but press, research, and employment are not recognized Indian Service branches.

(Emphasize changing character of this set-up: employment has just been put in, housing remains unsettled as yet, there being different plans for it in WRA and this project, has be been shunted around here from the beginning. Hospital as possible separate branch. Note that branches are being called divisions, e.g., employment.)

History of the Council. The above charts give some idea of the place of the council in Poston social space. We have yet to place it in time and that means getting something of an historical perspective on it. The history goes back to circulars

issued by WRA in March and April, after evacuation was decided on. In these evacuees were promised some form of self-government. In Poston this policy was first implemented in the following way. A memorandum issued by Fryer and Adams from the regional office, dated April 2, was acted on by Dr. S.T. Kimball and a plan for self-government for Poston was proposed by him, and also a body called a Civic Planning Board. During the month of May this latter body was brought into being in Poston and it proceeded to consider plans submitted to it. The principal plans were a very complex one submitted by the Rev. Mitani and a very simple one submitted by the Law Department. The Board met in May and June and finally drafted a consitution containing a Bill of Rights and an outline for a community government, which embodied many of the features of the Law Department's plan, but very little or nothing of the Mitani Plan.

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1. Kimball plan
   - Council of 9, divided into committees
   - Wards, precincts, blocks
2. Mitani plan
   - Block council --- 14
     - House heads and B.M. and Ass't
   - Quad council --- 4
     - elected by block councils
   - City Council --- 9
     - elected by quad councils
   - Elected municiapl governing council
   - Staff council
3. Law Daprtment plan
   - Block council not a part of poli. sructure
   - Quad council --- 5
   - Municipal council
     - 1 from a quad by general quad election
     - Committees and sub-committees

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An election was held in Poston I on July 21st and the 31 members elected were sworn in on the 22nd at the Pioneer Grove. Later five more members, from the blocks of Salinas Assembly people, were elected and the council now consists of 36 persons. It has met at least once a week, at first in the mess halls and rec. halls of the various blocks, more recently in the staff room of the new administration building.

The Community Council is temporary. Recently a manual of regulations has been issued by WRA for the establishment of a permanent government. This is to be worked out by in Poston by a committee nominated by the Temporary Council and chosen by the Project Director. Thus what is being described here may well be a thing of the past within the next month or so. It represents the first crystallization of political life in Poston.

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Structure of the Temporary Community Council. There two aspects of any political structure--- the formal and the informal, or the ideal and the behavioral. First I shall describe the formal pattern of structure and then I shall describe, or rather indicate how we may go about the business of gathering data on, the informal strcuture.

The council consists of 36 members, one from each block in Poston I. These 36 persons sit as a group at least once a week and discuss and take actions concerning the affairs of the community. They have elected an official leader called a chairman, who directs the discussion and channels actions. The discussion is recorded by a secretary. The relations of the councilx members within the meeting follow the usual regulations parliamentary procedure, that is, of asking the chairman for the floor, making motions, seconding them, and voting usually by show of hands. Each person including the chairman has equal right to voice within the council meeting.

The council is subdivided into 11 smaller groups, called committees and consisting of 3 or 4 members each. These groups meet during the week under the leadership of chairmen. They are charged with keeping informed on the various aspects of life in the community, making recommendations concerning them, and bringing in reports to the council as a whole. The committes' activities are subject to review and action and they may be instructed by the council acting as a unit.

This formal structure establishes a certain hierarchy of action, that is, in regard to the initiation of action. At the top is the chairman who appoints committees and establishes the order of business in council meetings, next are the committee chairman, and finally the members of committees. The chairman and the chairmen of committtees, in conformity with their formal positions, do most of the talking and almost all the presentation of recommendations for council action.

The committees to date have been extremely active and have held many meetings. I shall go into their actions later. The two charts indicate the distribution of committtee members in the community. I do not attach much importance to these charts, but they dock indicate some possibilities. They show how leaders in xxxx the blocks, the councilmen, are forced to establish close relations with leaders in certain other blocks as a necessity of the formal council structure. We may look for either cooperation or conflict to develop between those leaders as a result of their enforced close association on committees. It will be noted that these lines of association cut across quad lines, for example the members of the Law and Order committee living in the widely separated blocks of 6, 28, 45, and 31.

The informal structure of the council is something that requires more time to work out. It has been changing rapidly or better said it has not yet crystallized. But is meant is, for example, something like the following. We could imagine an individual or a group developing a leadership in opposition to the chairman. We would note in council meetings perhaps that the proposals in regard to order of business made by the chairman were ignored by a council member and perhaps his gradual domination of the meetings. We should look for groups crystallizing in response to such opposition. We can discover such developments by noting habitual seating of individuals, sequences of action in the meetings, etc. To date however it can only be said that the ideal pattern of structure of the council coincides almost perfectly with the actual behavioral pattern.

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I cite these matters simply as suggestions in connection with the study of all social groups, others as well as the council. In studying behavioral structure, one might be guided by a knowledge of the backgrounds of the council members. There is much room for work in this connection. I can merely present so far a few miscellaneous statistics. One might expect to find in any group so large cleavages along the line of education, age, sex, rural or urban background, Foston occupational grouping, previous place of residence, and so on. I cannot report any such cleavages so far in the development of the council. Just as the action of the council has been highly unified and there is no evidence of parties or cliques yet developing within it, so we find a corresponding lack of grouping along any of these lines within the council.

It might however be interesting to note a few facts in connection with background.

Age of councilmen: Range ----- 23--47

16	under	30
18	"	40
2	"	50

Average age -- 31.2 years

Education of councilmen:

University	---	15
Junior college	--	3
High school	---	11
Kibei	---	5
Grammar School	---	1

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13 " 40
2 " 50

Average age -- 31.8 years

Education of councilmen:
University --- 15
Junior college--- 3
High school --- 11
Eight --- 3
[illegible] --- 1

Relation of the council to the Community. In discussing the relation of the council to the community I shall attempt to deal with four major relationships, to the (1) block councils; (2) block managers, (3) adminsitration, and (4) the people. I shall try first to point these out in terms of structure, but it will not possible to isolate this from functions. However, I want to discuss the functions of the council in general a little later on.

(1) Block councils. (See page 6a.) The block council appears not actually to be a part of the political system in the sense that it lies at the bottom of an ascending hierarchy through community council to project director. The block councils have thus far been in touch with theadminsitration primarily thru the block managers. They have been concerned for the most part with cooperative activities which have not involved the administration. They have however recently begun instructing their councilmen to action and have been holding them accountable in connection with information from the administration.

(2) Block managers. The block managers constitute a group appointed by the adminsistration to carry on certain administrative functions in the blocks. There is a general staff consisting of supervisor, executive council, assistant supervisor, and supply staff. Within the block there is a staff consisting of assistant block manager, clerk and custodian, watchman, gardeners, carpenter. The duties of this staff have changed somewhat as Poston has developed and they have been enlarged. Essentially however the duties have involved the following major features:

I. Dispenser of material goods such as soap and tools.
II. Maintenance of block buildings and grounds.
III. Mailman
IV. Dispenser of official information
    Carry out surveys
    Post Press Bulletin
    Relay official bulletins
V. Participate in block council and act as complaint channel to the administration

The last two of these ~~xxxx~~ seem to overlap with the activities of the council members, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and we do in fact ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ find conflict here. Examples of such conflict are the following:

Information-----

Joint meeting

Block managers suggest at joint meeting that councilman maintain desk in block manager's office

Instance of council man getting information from Mr. Head at council meeting and B.M. not having it.

Councilmen suggest at joint meeting that BM's send representatives to whom they will release info.

A B.M. interprets some bulletins wrongly, hence councilman works with him helping.

Council asks administration for same news releases as block managers.

Kitchen -----

B.M.'s no longer have responsibility, hence people have appealed to councilman in 2 blocks for fixing up kitchen conditions.

Individual ——
Baseball games

Form and functions of the block council

Block 2 --- 14 members, 1 from a building, no women
Chairman--- block manager
Committees

Block 39 ---14 memebers, family heads from a bldg, no women
Elect own chairman
also women's club to meet separately

Block 46---- 10 elected members, 5 issei, 5 nisei, 2 woemn
chairman , block manager
also separate meetings of "halves".

Block 26 --- 14 members, 1 from each barracks except
bachelors which has two
Councilman and block manager, co-chairmen
Advisors-- 2 issei and 2 nisei

Block 3 --- 16 members, 7 nisei, 9 issei
Block manager sometimes as chairman

Functions----

Committes work on
establishing gardens and getting seeds
clearing parkland
curfew for children
building ramadas for children's play
planning block land, for recreation
efforts to reduce block population

Organization of kitchens

Passing complaints thru council to block manager

Nominations of councilmen

Advisers to block managers on block planning

Requesting information from councilmen and B.M.'s

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bachelors which has two
Councilmen and block manager, co-chairmen
Advisors-- 2 issei and 2 nisei

Block 2 --- 18 members, 7 nisei, 7 issei
Block manager sometimes as chairman

Functions----

Committee work on
establishing gardens and getting seeds
clearing parkland
survey for children
building remades for children's play
planning block land, for recreation
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Invitations of councilmen.

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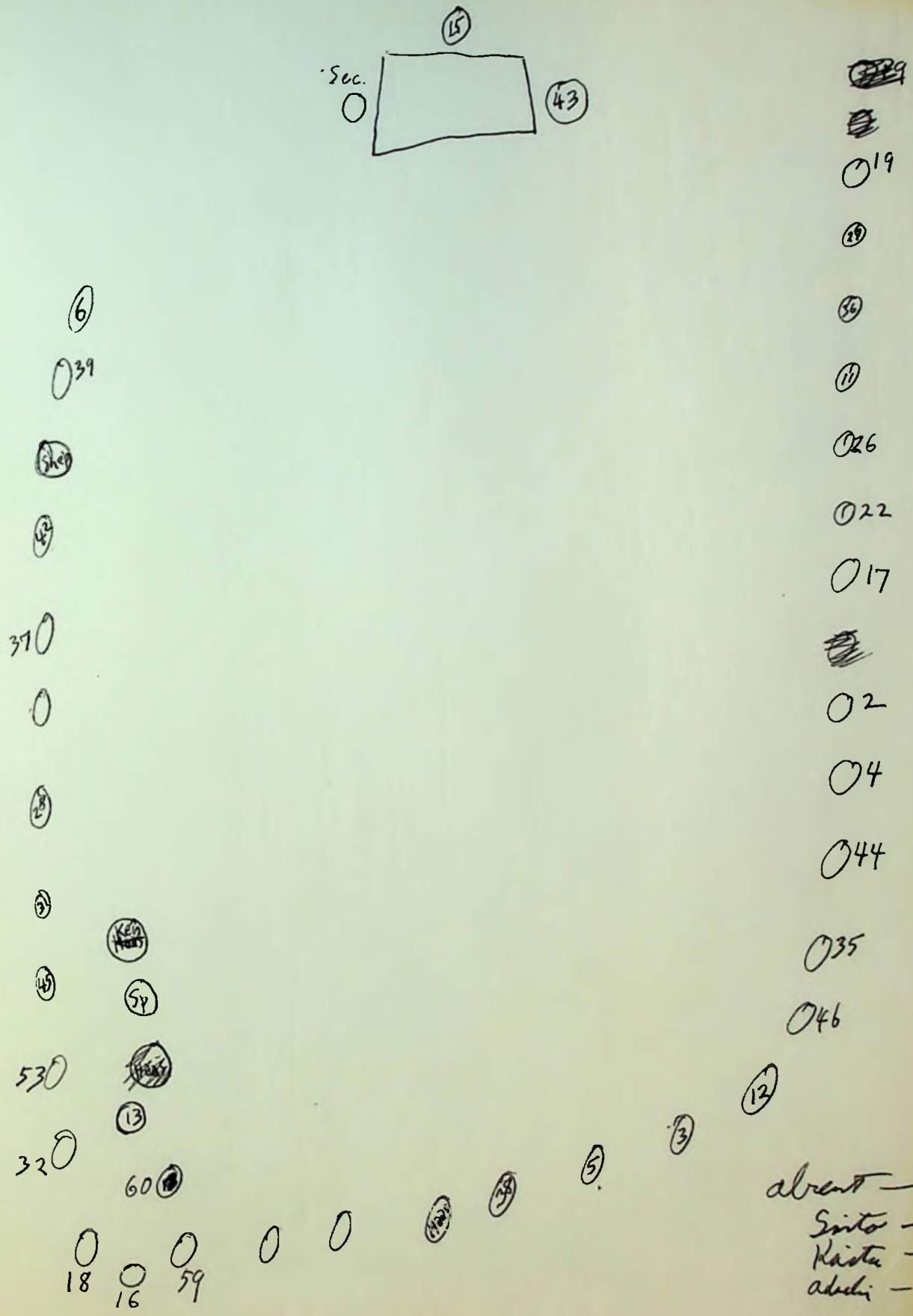
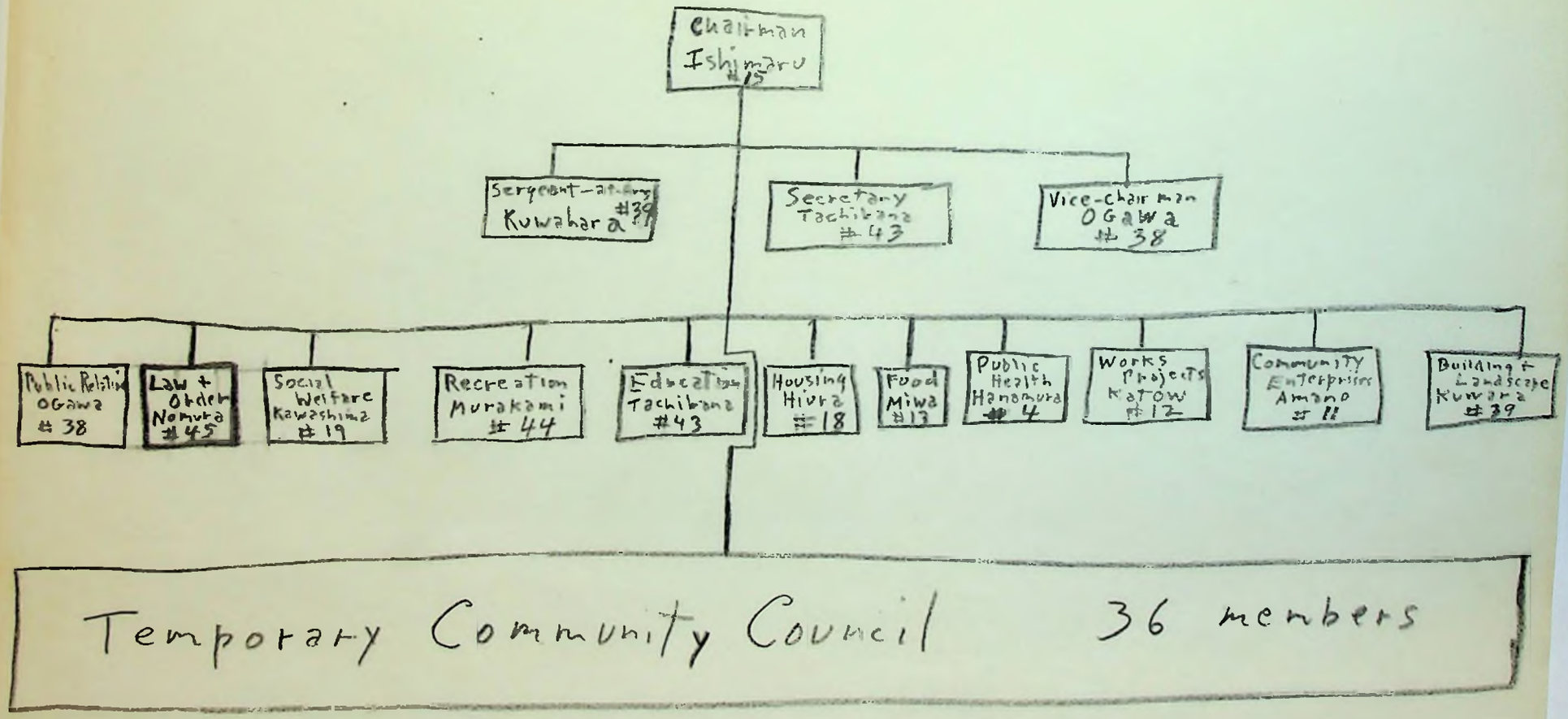
Seating at Council meeting — Sept. 23, 1942



Informal Structure (Seating in Adm. Hoffman) 9/23/42

Absent:
#21
#14
#54 #30



Formal structure of Council — 9/15/42

The Structure of the Temporary Community Council

In form the political structure of Poston is anomalous. It is described as self-government by residents. In fact it is composed of a hierarchy of officials appointed outside the community by persons not reposnible to any body in the community, with the addition of a body of elected individuals who must operate within the framework of the appointed administrative officials. In any usual democratic political organization the executive and administrative officials are responsible either directly or indirectly to the legislative body. In Poston this is not at present true. The elected legislators are rather conceived by the administration as responsible to themselves. It is said, "If they act correctly, they will get what they want."

The elected council has operated in two fields. On the one hand it has pronounced rules for the regulation of Japanese exclusively within the community and has set up a machinery for enforcing those rules. This applies to traffic and general behavior. On the other hand it has sought means whereby it may discover and formulate the relations of the Japanese with the administrative heirarchy. In this field it has acted in two ways. It has inquired into the conditions in the community, on the one hand; and on the other it has taken its findings to administrative officials and sought action. At the same time it has made demands of those officials which

The Functions of the Council-----

1. Has ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ written a code of offenses which defines misdemeanors in Poston for the Japanese and establishes penalties. Traffic regulations .

2. Has set up a judicial commission and staff for enforcing the provisions of the code of offenses.

3. Has set up committees which have investigated or are investigating each branch of the administration and its activities in Poston.

4. Has made recommendations to department heads or others in the fields of
   a. Health and hospital
   b. Community enterprises
   c. Food
   d.

5. Has set up a Finance Committtee for disbursing funds acquired through the community enterprises.
6. Has set up an Issei advisory council.
7. Memorial information from Hed, up to date

Limitations of jurisdiction----

Police department not responsible to Council

Caucasians not subject to laws such as code of offenses

May not see books of administration

Order of action

Health investigation

Code of Offenses ---gambling

Food investigation

Traffic regulations

Community enterpises investigation

Judicial commission

Finance committee

Labor Relations and Housing

Issei advisory council

Steps in the council's establishment of relations with administration--

1. Period of decrees from adm. setting up election machinery and temporary community council.
2. Period of organization of council internally responsive to numerous suggestions from project attorney.
3. Period of contacts between committees and department heads, period of "investigation", council making self felt to adm.

(4. At same time period of operation of Law and Order committee establishing relations with police dept. and people)

4. Period of adm. recognizing chmn as force to deal with in community and establishment of informal relations with him.
5. Period of council considering establishment of relations directly with Japanese department heads.

Adm. saw "investigations" as wrong kind of action & asked Council to go slow. Chmn rely friend of relations with W.R.A.

Interpretation of the political system in terms of consistency

Conflict = dissatisfaction over food, ~~approved~~ by individuals
Food habits have to be changed by only to a extent.
(May be many dissatisfactions, not enough to change, regardless of whether it is enough or well-balanced. Changing is a part of the situation).
One adjustment in the working out of a generalized norm more consistent with past tastes.
Remain problem of adequacy. Main complaint that it is not adequate.

Council reaction → committee to secure more food
Committee limited to action of asking = must ~~deal~~ deal with persons = Best, Smith, etc.
Action I: → Best who does not consider complaints valid
← ~~Best [illegible]~~ Defensive reply
Action II: → Symbol = barrel of pickles $171.38
Etc. asks to see books, going beyond persons asking, forms fact finding committee by chief with knowledge
← Books denied - on ground of unreadiness ~~[illegible]~~ Aggressive reply in form of suggestion investigation of kitchen personnel
Action III → Etc to council for support
← Council resolution supporting Etc
(Discussion urge more action for P. director)

In what does the strain toward consistency here consist?
Of group actions trying means of restoring food ↔ people equilibrium or consistency. Reaction against food custom disturbance. (= considered from societal cultural rather than biologic pt of view)
Why not a similar strain toward kinship adjustment?
There now is (Sept 1942)

Political Life:— PI

Problem of the origin of political ~~life~~ activity (Council)

The forces beginning it

Extent of the impetus from above + nature of

Adm. decrees

To whom made

By whom received

Role of the Administrator

How received

By whom

Resulting in what action

The election of council representatives

Role of residents

The formation of the council (temporary)

Minutes of the first meeting

Personnel

Action

Adm. precedence & their action

The assumption of power

Development of interests

Form of living action

The behavior of Council personnel

Relation to block managers

Residue of power to Adm. manager

The rate of action and its incidence

Special problems

Issei — Nisei

Out-project relations

8-16-42

via Mr. Haidis:

A project has gotten under way today for the gathering of poles for the construction of ramadas at various places in Poston #I. Mr. Haidis spoke of this as a voluntary cooperative enterprise. Some 200 men volunteered to work all day Sunday on getting the posts and poles getting nothing for the labor except lunches. The reason for working on Sunday according to Mr. Haidis is the scarcity of equipment; trucks for example, cutting tools, all of which are in use on other more urgent projects during the week days. The ramadas will serve recreational needs of the people as pleasant shady places to gather. Mr. Haidis has been working with Mr. Noguchi who says that Mr. Noguchi represents a type of personality now found in Poston #1, namely, those who are rather a hopeless sort; homeless because of innumerable frustations since arrival in camp. Haidis says that he has been trying to suggest to Mr. Noguchi the obvious ways to relieve his frustration , for example according to Mr. Haidis, Noguchi has not realized that he must work through groups. As a highly individualistic aritist in our civilization before he came to Poston, Noguchi was accustomed, as it were, always on his own anthority. Here his personality and his artistic reputation are not sufficient to get him

Chronology of self-help in Boston

May – CPB to June 26
Kimball

June – 23 – Preliminary Constitution completed
Bunge

26 – Hoare
CPB dissolves

July – 5 – Block Committee nominate TCC candidate
Hill speaks in Blocks

8 – 100+ nominations (PB 7/10)
THH ~~[illegible]~~ NJ

9 – Blocks 4, 5, 13, 14, 38, 59 no nomination (~~PB 7/10~~)

11 – Nomination closed

12 – "Election Interest Score"
125 candidates from 31 blocks
THH – 1st time non-citizen vote in municipal elections
Election announced for July 21

14 – Candidates drawn at Pioneer House – 125

1AB 19 – THH says civic council advisory to WH being formed

21 – Candidates introduced in Block 30 (lack of interest)
PB – Election today – 30 to 7 years & older vote

22 – Commissioners elected – 31 7449 votes

23 – TCC sworn in. Ishiman elected chairman
Head supports positive effec. Council

Chronology

Sept — 1 — Black Addresses Council — Centers are stuffy places
Judicial Comm. holds hearing

2 — Election of new committee 69% vote in I
BM's exam.

7 — JEE on BMs + Council

8 — Perm. BM's assigned
Pub Health Ctr Report
John Katana on Council

9 — Zungya on Council I see AB by Dreck
12 — " " "
14 — TH on Council
16 — Zanaka on Council

21 — Ishimam
28 — C a B elected
29 — RN on council

Oct — 4 — Org. Committee organized
9 — 1st mtg of org Committee

Nov — 6 — 2nd mtg of " "
16 — FPC created
— 18 — T.C.C. resigns

Chronology

Nov. 18 — Emergency Council Created

— City Planning Board Creates

— Boston II Congress created

— CEC created + LRB, Honor Court proposed

— Nisei T.C.C. re-elected, CPB dissolved

— CEC resigns

— TCC elects new C.E.C.

Block + Quad System
Showing IAB Repre.

Clique Charts of Adm
+ Council thru Time
Also description of clique

Chart of Ages of Council
superimposed on city age chart
showing range of coverage

Chart showing formation
of Early Planning Groups
in Boston II

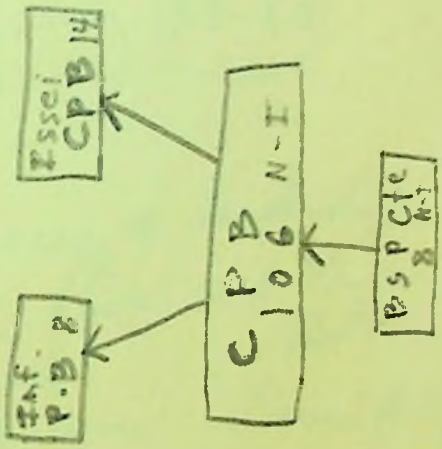


Chart of Council Actions in order showing general field

Recommendations made to adm.
" acted on by adm
" carried to Blocks or Ctry
" acted on by Blocks " "

Subjects discussed with no action
Length of time between 1st mention + action

Block map showing
% voter in Blocks
Com Pet, etc

1st TCC did not develop into clique =
a one man show
Except (12-3 -19) (15-39 -36) (59-60)

The dominant basic issues & leadership
Issei + nisei (how did they look out in politics?)
Future of nisei
Issei independence
Issei future - what did it to Japan

Ideal Community or way station
The trust fund, residing, vs the future
Cotton + Com.
Relation to outside world
Caucasian or Japanese
The role of the adm.
Newspaper + language

WRA Leadership

May (?) 1942 —

Q + A for Evacuees

Q. Will City at Del Ca be permitted to establish own city govt.

A. "Up to each City to plan its design of City life within the broad basic policies determined by the Auth. . . . Eligible voters will nominate + elect officers + officials + org. mets. . . . draft ordinances and regs. + provide for their enforcement, subject to . . . military necessity.

"External protection will be maintained by the City + the WRA."

May 28 — WH

"You will have your own municipal council + other municipal authorities. The mun. coll will be a law-making body which we hope to implement with law courts presided over by your own judges. You will be responsible for the internal control of the area. There will not be military guards unless . . . .

.. The sooner you set plans afoot for the establishment of these civilian agencies (L+O, etc), the sooner will they be realized and begin to function.

.. adm. that they will need to act only in an advisory capacity to your city.

May 29 — Eisenhower — L. 11 Recd in Poston June 16

"Pending the org. of the more permanent structure, a temporary system of self-govt will be instituted by the evacuees with the advice, etc... temp govt = representative, a general council, not more than 30 min a 10,000 inst. = advisory body, representing the evacuees in the formulation of temp. regulations + ordinances until perm. self-govt. work comes into effect. Only citizens hold office

June 5 — Carrithers memo to Regional Directors — Rec'd July 1

System to be announced in near future

Experience + tangible evidence of attitude of community for gov't necessary first.

Temporary system now

TCC = Block Repres

Vote = all eligible to work Corps, majority vote

Candidate = over 21, no appointive office, citizen

Duties —

1. Cooperate with B. staff in principle of feasible
2. Apply all educ. legislation & policies to block
3. Make reports to P.D. + B staff on functioning of city services
4. Others by P.D.

Election regulations

TCC —

Chairman + sec.

Mtg not less than once weekly

Committees

No ordinances

Recommendations on health, welfare, recreation, educ., internal admin

Exec. Cte — 5-7 to advise with P.D.

Cttee

Judicial Cte. for L + O

Adm. Inst 34 — Aug. 24, 1942 — Geiger

Temporary system
Follows June 5 ckept
18 yrs Plurality vote

Permanent govt. —
Org. Commission 30 days after 75% filed
Plan: — City Council (Clerk + Commissions)
Review by P.D. within WRA
Approval by majority of voters
Amendment = 2/3 vote of Council } initiative
1/4 voters petition }
Majority of voters

Vote — 18
Office — Citizen, 21
All residents on voter + appointed officers

Functions of Council: —
1. Code of L & O (no felonies)
2. Resolutions on welfare
3. Funds for city purposes
4. Licenses, not regulate business
5. Other duties by WRA

Judicial Commission
Not less than 3
P.D. reviews decisions
P.D. delegates felonies to state
Arbitrates for civil disputes

Limitations
P.D. may set aside any regulation not conforming with 34
P.D. may extend any org. necessary to fulfill functions of Council until Council does it
All in addition to P.D.'s functions in adm., not in substitution for

Oct 1 — City Govt Manual — Province
Suggest possible methods for establish self-govt
Purpose: stimulate democratic govt Technique

TCC — Function — Advise with P.D.
Inform recs to P.D.

1. Parliamentary procedure — rules etc
2. Inform self on org. + operation of govt
a. Hearing with staff members
b. Ctee, report by chairman
Rm - member to ctee

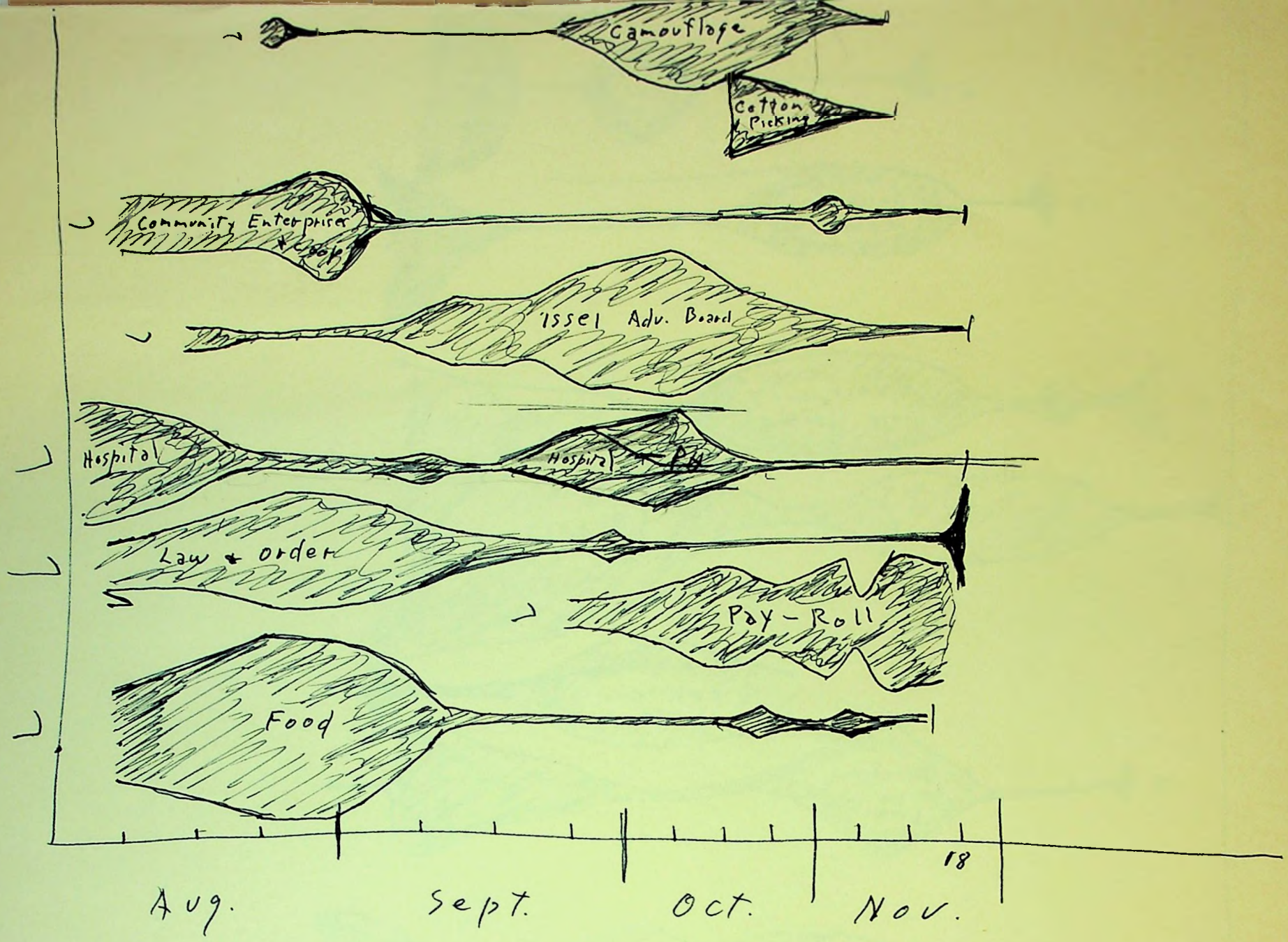
Judicial Commn. 3-9
Elected or appointed
Advise + cooperate with P.D. on L + O

Executive Ctee
appted by chairman
Elect by TCC.
Jurisd or similar by Block Rep.

Town Hall
Perm. Secretary

Perm. Govt. —
Org Comm — not more than 25

Relations between BM & Commission


Camouflage
Cotton Picking
Community Enterprises
Coop
Issei Adv. Board
Hospital
Hospital
Law & Order
Pay-Roll
Food
18
Aug.
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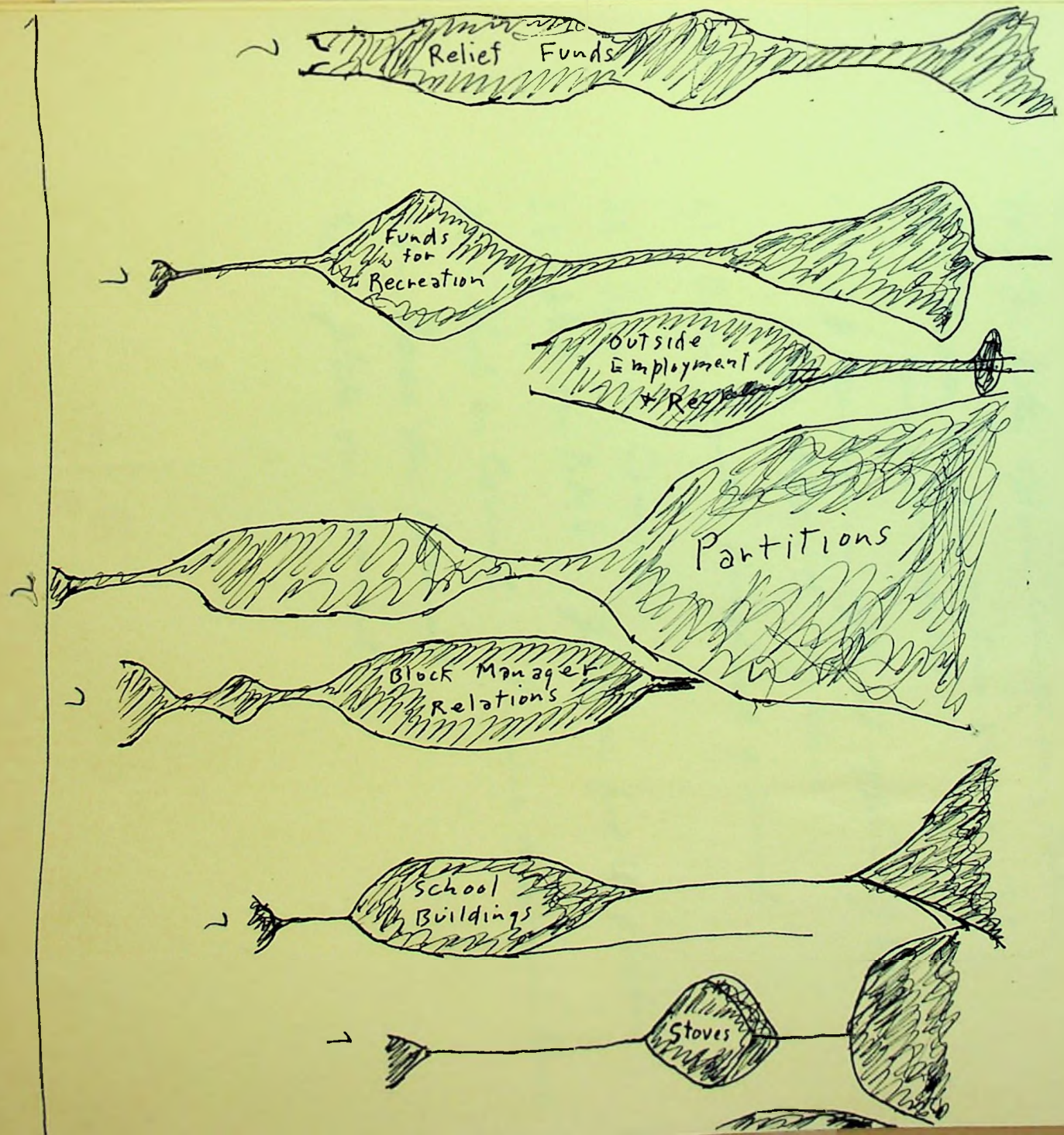
Oct.
Nov.


Relief Funds
Funds for Recreation
Outside Employment
Partitions
Block Manager Relations
School Buildings
Stoves

Chronology

July — 28 — Sec. Emp. Council of II, Pitts = chairman

Aug. — 5 — P.B. — 10 ctee formed by Council
JKE reports BM's resigning, "pretty"

9 — Election for Sept. 1 announced

12 — L + O ctee to study draft of Code tonight

15 — Mr. Potter officer council seeing books

16 — "Issei members to have voice in T.C.
Council Mtg reported

20 — PB announces official appointment of BM's
for Sept 1st. by exam

21 — Benzy resigns disapproval of Council

24 — Hoar on Council

25 — JKE on BM's JKE on food ctee + books

28 — Blick on Council Pessine on Morgan Council

29 — Hoar on Council

30 — JKE on Council

Remember:—

1. The adm. has to get accustomed to self-govt, too. Adm. has never been a polit. official & hence not understand necessity for working all-out with elected body.

2. Polit. is one field in external situation like this where maximum investment might be given

3. Satisfactions & dissatisfactions

I see attitude
Investors ~~not~~ – are they bad? But how to deal with them?

N.B. – Kiwanis = Lisei "Bill of Rights"

Follow personalities as they go along.

Of of Council interests
BM "
Adm Bldg "
etc.

Causes of better integration in Camp II

1. Conflict between need for going slow on policy & need for providing definite basis for avenues

Council probably creates more satisfaction than dissatisfaction
A good thing in a way – focused issues
? of long term benefits vs short term

City relations
Council unable to control IAB

No symbols of Boston unity, only symbols of antagonism

Summary of Council position & formulation of issues

Summary of action & Personalities

Changes
Religion none
age

1st Council —

H 卌 卌 | = 11
U 卌 卌 卌 ||| = 18
HJ 卌 = 5 + ||||
G | = 1

~~Poletty Farm~~
~~Accountant~~
~~Secretary to church~~
~~Produce dealer~~ ||
~~Auto dealer~~
~~Interpreter~~
Farmer 卌 卌 | Clerical |||| Dealer |||
~~Grocery store~~
~~Optometrist~~ Retail 卌|
~~Florist~~ Prof 卌 | Students ||
~~Homemaker~~
Mech. Engineer
~~Bookkeeper~~
~~Grad. student~~ ||
~~Lawyer~~
~~Dentist~~ ||

wary

8/24/42 S.J.

Haas

Favors 1 council for 3 units
Insufficiency for adm in 3 councils
All deal with same

TH = Benge from effeminate

Says doesn't like council work, but shows pride in it.

8/1/42 S.J.

Honor – Letter to McNickle

Boys emphasized in orientation speeches that this 1st time for year use of election & absentee voting

B M's dept not mixing, urged by member of staff

B round of feeding / woman would sit on council

Horace

Summary Report – Oct 13, 1942 to E. F. Ferguson, Reg. Atty

"I believe that too often the suggestions of officials at the outset will have too marked an influence on the thinking of intelligent residents."

.... I favor democracy to such a degree that I believe in seeking the views of the governed. I have always been willing to express my own views when asked, but I have encouraged the residents not to seek my opinion until they have thought out the problem themselves. The educational value of this method is obvious."

"Prestige of the Council has been increasing rapidly".

"Some officials mistakenly considered this system (VI) as unique in its essential ~~outline~~ features... ~~[illegible]~~ alone.

"A few officials do not seem to understand the difference between federalism + self-govt. Others argue that the residents have not had sufficient exp. to govern themselves. ... I believe that ... self-govt will flourish in Porto Rico."

Minority attitudes.

Notes on Ted Hare :- 9/25/42

Jealous of John Evans' influence on Pd. set-up
Refers of John being called "too easy" by the Police Chief.
Calls attention to J. Evans absence from police picture
says John is kind of person who backs down easily, if he hasn't been getting enough sleep
Calls B.M's overstaffed, a lazy sort of staff
John Evans is a good guy, too good, as they say
John is short, so many women, just as I was for awhile.

Word Stafford
Has a fine mind
says "Oh Damon" when gets a note from him to introduce S. to Council
Gets Wade to do things, this corporation business, make legal problems for me.

Foster
I like Russell a lot. Nice guy. He's sort of slow

Hand
"You know Wade. Well, he pretends he doesn't know something. He does of course. That's his way"

Questions —

1. Power of Council
2. Relation to B.M.'s
3. Status of people on project
4. Participation of people in Council affairs
5. Kurata's proposition
6. Status of issei (Nisei)
7. Food question, sugar, etc
8. City enterprise projects
9. Children & housing
10. Civil service for police
11. Chem says Commissioner not be officer.
12. Illicit cohabitation
13. Chem says "we have police on police"
14. When will schools be
15. Nurse's aides
16. Cook allowance of $16 for bad work. et al.
17. Social welfare — poor families
18. Young people in police + recreation equipment
19. Relation to Assistant Heads —

20 – going out to work.
21 – Private Estefanian filing table
22 – nice soldier
23 – photography

Food — 5th Council meeting
Ctee report — hungry 9/15 kitchen
serving meat
irregular delivery
not admitted by Mr. Best, maybe intake
Chairman says letting of Best —
"always broke, doesn't consider".
Meeting was violent
Best called poor manager
Poor delivery coordination
spoilage, etc.
Menu ctee established for Wh. food
Cooking needs
Food prices have gone up
workers not getting enough
Chairman says "maybe food stale".
Bread of friends $171.58
Good food in assembly centers
Closed meeting announced of food Ctee.

Food — 6th Council
Checking boxes - blind alley
Panel of fritter $171.38
Investigate kitchens
Invoices being checked
Division of how they know we
are getting 37¢

Clerk to check number against
new 45¢ ruling

Actions –

1. First action = appointment of Medical Cte. July 23
2. Formation of Ctee
3. Division handling of complaints
4. Time & place for meetings
5. Women speak on B'M's.
6. Commid officers meet with Adult Ethics. Jud. Council.
7. Food Cte have meeting with depts, etc.
8. Special meeting for Code of Offenses
9. Coolers for hospital
10. Chairman write to WRA officials on food
11. Refer I Council Board? to Cte on Elections.
12. Finance Cte proposed for drawing funds from store.
13. Report of Public Health Cte.
14. " " Food Cte – further investigation
15. Code of Offenses passed
16. Discuss traffic regulations + judicial procedure
17. Food Cte Report.
18. Resolution of support of food Cte.

actions —

19. Report of trial welfare
aged, juvenile, unemployed

20. Rec. report — lack of funds
to keep bad rolling.

21. Public Health report (to Commission only)

22. Vote of confidence in police force

23. City Enterprises report

24. Committee looks into workmen
work conditions

25. Publication of traffic regulations

26. Ossei advisory election by issei

27. One issei from a panel by direct
election.

28. Labor relations report

29. Affiliation of CTCC

30. B'M's baseball game

31. Workmen labor relations report

32. Meet with issei

Attitude & acts of adm:—

J.K.E. – Instance where in ctee
Rely on the older generation

Evans, Haas, Bunge — adm.
function is to help

Bunge – Council call for help only when need it

Haas – council to consider general policies & project

J.K.E. – BM's — mechanical need for attention on blade level
janitors

Issei —

2nd — Chum says upset to Ctes

4th — Chum reports issei meeting & suggests Advisory Board.

Chum says English language "Can't get anything done if not in English."

Must be elected by selves (not settled) "to avoid charge that nisei are dominating things."

5th — Kumashiro — issei spend most money at store, hence should be present when decisions as to finances be made

Does WRA limit work on nets to nisei?

6th — Jurors issei + nisei
P.H. Ctr having issei advisors

8th — the nisei language
issei meet with Educ. etc & then
Concern about family life

9 — Issei stores to be disgruntled
Chum — nisei are pretty cocky

Translation into Japanese of
Ctc names, etc

Some new questions of power

Sept 9.

1. Police "out of LtG's hands" (note reflect of "why always to head")
2. Can council call Japanese department heads on carpet? "To Head first = chum
3. Suggesting that information be routed thru. Alk manager. Juice
4. Labor relations — a separate & important problem. Chum doesn't want to break it down.
5. Chum says "we be the law"
6. Totally relation to issei

Cultural lag of children due to

Child rearing - mere bad manners

Coders as a factor in child-rearing

Unintended answering of dinner gong

Class difference

Paternalism

Changes in re-housing applications

Functions of Oklk Mgr.

Liaison officer between admin.
& the people

Distribution of soap, irons,
rooms, etc.

Information bureau

Complaint bureau

THH
8/1/42

Election board

Frank Tsutomu Tanaka #46
30 yr
May 27 arrived
No assembly center
Born Fresno
Los Angeles
Married
1 yr college L.A.
commercial
Never outside U.S.
Knows Spanish
Bookkeeper
Buddhist
Brother of Bill Tanaka, Blk. Rpt.

filed
path

Seiichi Nomura # 45

May 29 46 yr

No assembly center

Los Angeles

4 yr college - Southern Cal

Law

Interpreter 9 1/2 yrs in Jap school

Married

Educated Hawaii, born Hawaii

Japan in 1928 - 6 mos

World war - disabled

Buddhist

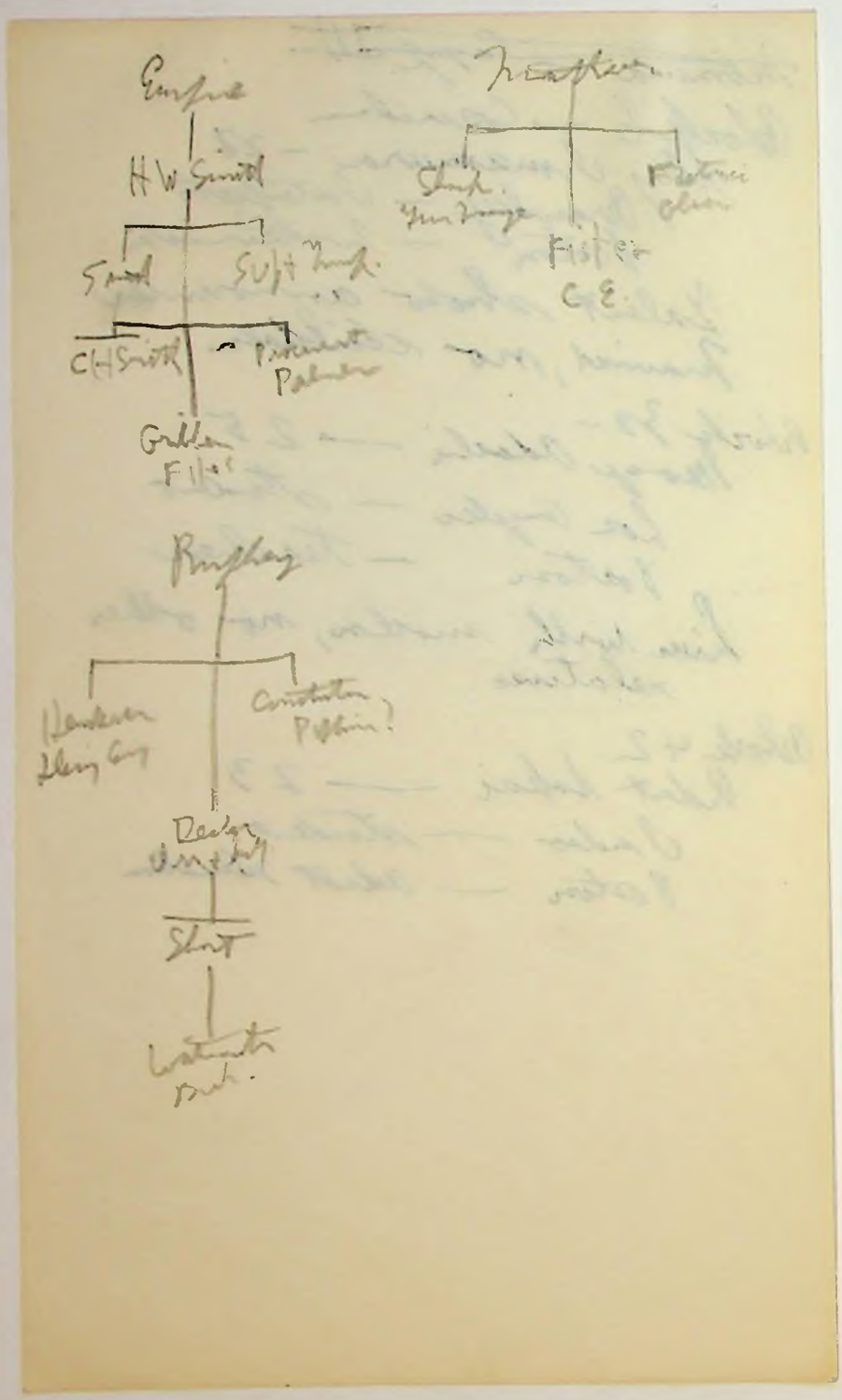
Robert Kenjiro Sakai #42
arrived - May 19
No assembly center
Indio, Calif.
4 yrs. U of C
A.B. - History
Japan in 1934 - July - Nov.
Single
From Riverside
Christian YMCA

~~Tomura — Camp III~~

Block 6 — Coordinator
Kiyo Imamura — 27
Brawley — Interpreter
Boston — Instrumentalist
Talent show announcer
Married, no children

Block 30 —
George Adachi — 25
Los Angeles — student
Boston — teacher
Lives with mother, no other relatives.

Block 42
Robert Sakai — 23
Indio — student
Boston — adult education


Empire
H W Smith
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Fisher
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Murphy
Constitution
Dodge
Short

Smart Katow 29

L.A.

Married

U of C, M.S. Caltech, Mech. Engineering

3 mos in Japan in 1930

Also a little Japa.

Cal Tech Astro-Physics Club

Presbyterian

Harry Inazaki 30

Brawley Born Hawaii

2 yr C 3 yrs - 36 Agri. Econ.

Single Lived in Japan

Farm manager Yuba Co.

Methodist

Head of agronomy Dept, Porto

Hidemi Ogawa

Santa Ana, Cal. Born Cal.

Single

Santa Ana J.C. B.S. Econ. N.Y.C.

Farm manager

Baptist

Andy Sugimoto 36

Ontario, Cal. Born Calif.

Married

Sacramento J.C. - 29 Middle School, Japan - '22

Elect. Engineer

Farm Owner - asparagus, tomatoes

No religion

Yale Unclassified

L. A. (Boyle Hts.) Born Calif.

Married

U of C, B.S. — Foreign Trade

Salesman + clerk

Meth. Episcopal

Ishiwara 38

LA From SF

married

UCL BA – Optometry

visit Japan 1 mo '31, 8 mo '14-'15

Optometrist & social worker

Liberal Christian · Buddhist

S. Katow

12/3/42 JHL

Worried about CEC
Lags not getting support of either issei or nisei
People think pro-Axis because of flags, e.g., adm.
We not pro-Axis, nor are majority of people
People will follow, unfortunates will be forced into line
Kango not important in Boston

CEC made bad moves
Wishes get Ishii in
Worries Sto + Lags + DR supervision of JDE

(N.B. JDE not letting group take over, not cooperating)

10/7/42 S.J.

S. Katow organizer council member to unload camouflage burlap, etc.

Sentiments of the Council
(Ch exp Ch not chair & W.A.)

~~Outside employment~~

~~Relief aid~~

~~Pay Roll~~

Bern. Rest

Labor Relations (W.P.)

Outside Employment
Cotton-picking

Fair

Trust Fund

Clothing

Council attitude to City

Remission

Morale

~~Employment~~

Information (Lake to Moche)

Self-Govt
C & C
Bern Govt
Commit

Canc. Problems

Draft

Powell Plan
Press

Other groups

Function: —

1. Safety value
2. Fact-finding
3. City opinion
4. Policy states
5.

Contrast Preamble to
CPB Constitution and
POC Charter for change in attitude to gov't.
also omission of Bill of Rights, etc.

S. Kido as spokesman of "hard-boiled" attitude
toward city gov't, also J. Maeno.

WWW

Pt of view –

~~The~~ Development of I-N lines in political structure. Reflection in function?

Re-emergence of original leaders plans

Gradual adjustment to WRA

# of Issei BM's & correlation with type of block councils?

Stability of Cong II orgs.

Conclusion

How adm. policy worked out

How city effected policy

Council policies on major issues – how formulated & effected. List & describe

What Council stood for

= final function

also minority opinion

VK – Strike not industrial,
but political

Structure of CEC

BM's duties see Nov 30 (?)

Just & right of workers

Kanya for Irish pt. of view

CEC see self as
executive branch SK
coordinating AS

"A peaceful, nice place to live in"

Several misfired w/ party in country
"intervening letter"

Comrade agent to take petitions

The general strike

1. Causes

A. Immediate

FBI + holding of Richards

Race issue

B. Intermediate (Have labor the strongest)

No self-gov't

Council treated as children also BM's

Race issue

Bad labor treatment

Personnel mess

Race - issue

C. Remote

Pay-roll

Strike

D. Emotional basis

+ Anti - Negro

anti - Chinese

+ Pro - Russian

- Pro - Japan

2. Japanese demands

A. City responsibility in law + order

B. Self-gov't in econ. life

C. Racial city representation

3. Caucasian demands

A. City responsibility in law & order

B. Greater efficiency in econ. life

Effects of strike
proposed mediation – to base comp
Stoll thinks general pro-atti
felt Ossei – in view strongly
hides with Hill

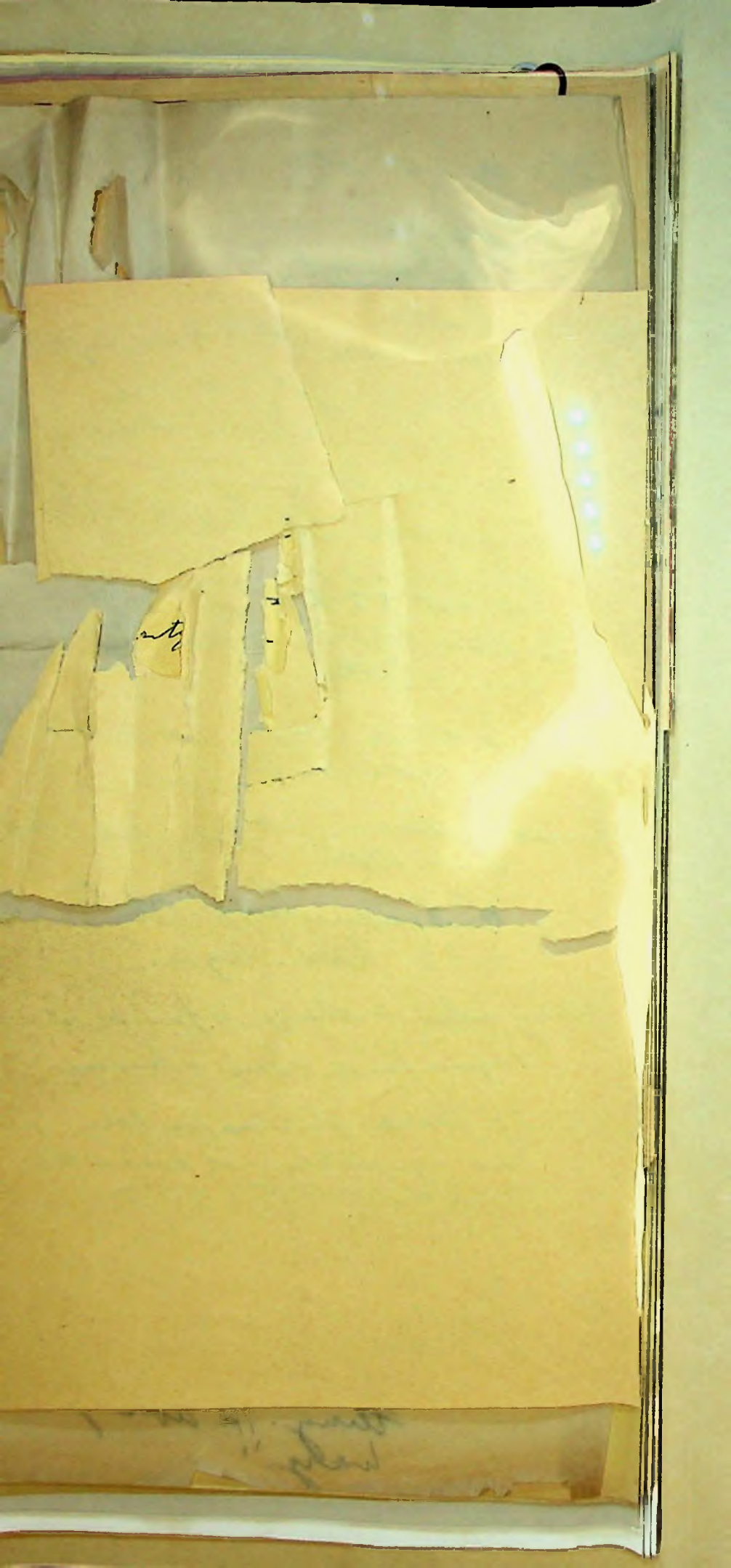
8 out of 11 nominees [illegible] Oct of 14 =
old council mem [illegible]
but not TIE [illegible]
100% turn-over in block [illegible]
no effect.

Ossei (moderate) [illegible] not [illegible]
but best man for job.

Everybody desires – not – taken back to people
Run depts.
[illegible] + O
[illegible] enforcement, for L [illegible]
CPB back again

Primary intrs + changes of personnel =
acquaintance + trial of leaders

TH + VK blame stubbles for form +
less sympathetic with everything
are WH + JE



Strike not spontaneous —

1. ~~[illegible]~~ Mention of strike earlier — July
2. Ruling of Uchida case 2 days before
3. Nagai addresses crowd in morning
4. Organized quickly after council adjourn
5. Every block represented
6. Insistence on spontaneity by Central Cte

Issei dominated throughout

1. at first gathering & mob
2. Then council meeting — Japa. language
3. Membership of Central Cte = wholly
4. Leadership in blocks — e.g. 45
5. Final demands called for issei in govt & jobs
6. Japa. cultural elements, sake, flags, music, mtgs, language

Issei were moderate, ready to cooperate

1. Demanded only a legal right, no more, did not mean democ
2. Put issei into cte of 72, talked to them about rights
3. Added issei to Central Cte as adm. put pressure
4. Stopped nationalistic demonstrations
5. Shot in terms of a unified city.
6. Wished to assume city responsibility
7. Maintained order during whole period

Issei acted like immature people throughout

1. Collapsed at usei pressure
2. Many would not flag, more argued
3. a few ran to mama + tittled
4. Inquiries became completely issei in spite of war

Intimidation was wholly moral, not physical

1. Many nisei were successfully resistant & did not go to jail
2. No beating actual place during the period
3. Picketing as a lawful mode of social coercion was used
4. Complaints of physical coercion have not been made
5. The only active complaint has come from women at the very fringe of the culture of the c

Sabotage and irrational demands made no appearance

1. Gov't property was protected
2. Camp. personnel was protected + anti-conscription checked
3. The settlement called merely for WRA mediation
4. Efforts were made to work out a city plan
5. Concern for children's future was declared + funeral policy, school-teen, flags removed.

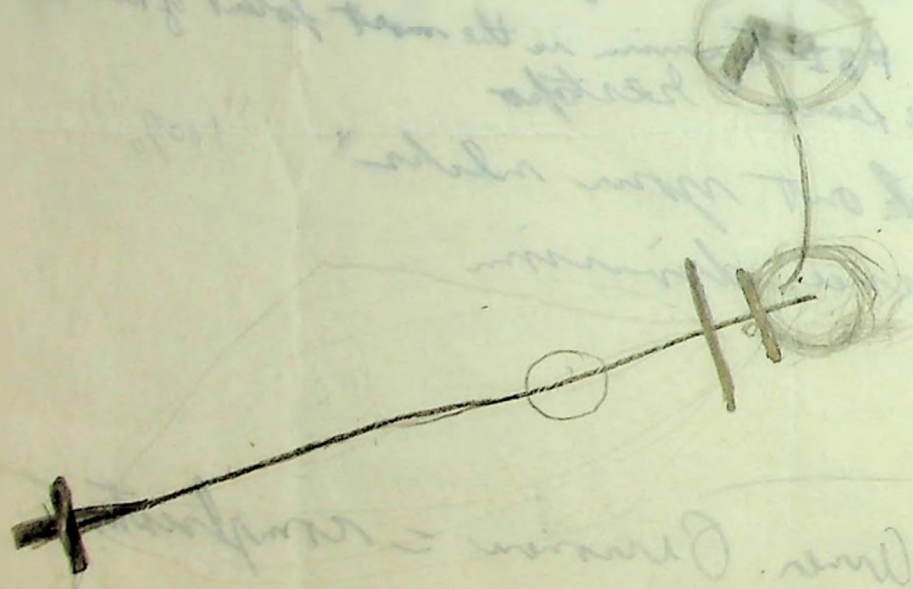
Expressed aims

1. Unity of the city
2. Self-gov't for issei
3.

What we have learned from the recent unpleasantness.

1. That the staff does not act or think as a unit
2. That there are provocateurs among the staff.
3. That there is a strong + definite pro-Japanese feeling among the Japanese. (?)
4. That given an incentive, BI can organize, get work done, maintain discipline.
5. That the nisei leadership was weak + wobbly and without foundation.
6. That loyalty to the administration is present in only a tiny minority of persons. (?)
7. That the city is divided into at least three clear-cut pts. of view
8. That FBI terrorism is the most potent of disturbers of the peace = Hertzfeld
9. "Stick out your neck" "100%"
10. Evacuee division

RN — Amer. Prisoner = complication



The centers are here for better or for worse

2 alternatives –

1. Can be worked out on democratic basis

2. Or on "American" basis

1. The former means permitting an autonomy in which the issei figure, with their naturally nostalgic Japanese feelings. Giving this some expression will reduce the field of influence of pro-Axis individuals. Force will not work, but will intensify the anti (nisei) feelings. If there is some chance to express themselves, the programme issei will develop & anti-administration tendencies are dissipated.

This policy seems to me consonant with the self-govt program of WRA.

2. The second policy requires an artificial maintenance of issei in power + Cauc. dictates regulation of city affairs – the policy is consonant with the WRA policy of "rewarding the nisei" for their citizenship. It means a considered and definite policy of relegation of issei to inferior roles + the creation of a very peculiar type of city. It means a great deal of Cauc. supervision + it means a continuing indoctrination + bolstering up of nisei leadership

That a democratic basis conflicts with an "American" basis is the inevitable result of the contradiction of evacuation + relocation. I think that all the forces set in motion by us have stimulated cultural reversion. The very nature of the segregation in relocation centers means a set-back to assimilation.

Dec 2, 1942

1. At first a civil liberties case
Engineered by personal loyalties to Uchida
+ based in many fractions

2. Pro-Axis group became prominent - probably waiting for an incident
Played on issei feelings + swung mob
to pro-Axis demonstrations

3. Resulted in terrific inner struggle - moderate issei vs. radicals
Moderate issei with nisei support dominated

4. Moderate issei emerged in control
Attempting to create a harmony in city, the
lack of which had been paralyzing them

5. Most nisei go thru violent reaction against what
they regard as pro-Axis-dominated revolution

6. The future
FBI reign of terror post Dec 7
Destruction of securities, systematic + continuous
Reconstruction on a nisei basis - insult
Anti-American emotions + pro-Axis ideology

ATH

Small!

Where were the people he knew?

Was this Paxton he saw; the real Paxton as compared to the fringe of Paxton ~~and~~ he knew and with which he worked?

Or is this just something the strike did?

Of former, a nice quote for the "settled down" period — a quite stable community of [illegible] with an administration on its periphery

Written 8/1/43
E45

Strike scene — 11/18/42

The acting Project Director got out of his car at the canal bank and headed through the darkness toward the glowing campfires in front of the police station. As he came up to the ~~xxxx~~ group of men and women around the first fire, he looked for faces he knew, scanning those of the young men and the old men and women. He could recognize no one, althought the firelight was bright and played over the faces. Sauntering on, he had the same experience at a half dozen more fires. He felt strange for the first time in his six months in Poston. Where were the persons who customarily greeted and smiled at him as he wandered thru the ~~xxxxx~~ blocks?

There was an elderly man beside a flaming mesquite trunk who looked intently at the administrator. He seemed to be radiating ~~a~~ defiance, [redacted] antagonism. And his defiance and antagonism was ~~xxxx~~ repeated on ~~face after~~ face, as the project director glanced at the crowds around each fire. But for the most part men and women were paying no attention to him. They were deep in talk among themselves, their faces impassive, their mood only to be guessed at. Here was an old man explaining quietly to some others--- explaining something in his own language --- years apart and oceans away from Poston. This was the mood of the crowd--- explaining something that they were doing--- explaining to each other, intent and serious. The presence of the project director among them was not important. Their aims and their purposes reached back from something deeper than the dust and barracks of Poston.

At last, to his relief, the project director saw a young man whom he knew by a fire in the center of the crowd. A block manager, one of the young men who had worked with him through all the months of sweat and hurry, on whom he had been relying to get the urgent business of resettlement done. He moved toward the young man, anxious to relieve his sense of uncomfortable isolation by a word with him. Suddenly the young man turned his back and walked quickly away through the crowd. The project director was left alone again, with the gulf still between him and the crowd. He walked into the brightly lighted barracks that served as a police station.

"How are things, Chief?", he asked.

"Fine," said the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Japanese chief of police, "Everything OK, I guess they'll go home in a few hours. It's too cold to be standing out here in the night."

But the crowd staid on for five nights and days and the faces remained as the project director saw them the first night, and the project director's sense of isolation when he moved among them abated only slightly as he learned to overhaul the young men before they could turn away.

December 17, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Members of the Community Council

FROM: Housing Dept., Unit I

SUBJECT: Request to Residents -- Understanding of Housing Situation

The Housing Department has prepared the duplicate copies of the most important items in the "Housing Crisis Report" of December 5. It contains the facts and figures on the present serious situation in the housing of the residents.

Please take this information back to your respective blocks and present the complete picture of the set-up as it exists today.

This department sincerely requests the close cooperation of the residents in the ironing out of some of the difficulties together until some general plan of readjustment is put into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Phyllis Kimoshita
(Chief of Housing)

Approved by

Neil Findley
(Chief of Community Services)

Duplicate

December 5, 1942

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CIVIC PLANNING BOARD
FROM: HOUSING DEPARTMENT, UNIT I

SUBJECT: CRISIS IN HOUSING SITUATION OF UNIT I

The residents of Boston I have constrained themselves fully 7 (seven) months, holding back, as much as possible, their inner feelings and smouldering emotions in relation to the unendurable housing situation. Today, this restraint may snap at the slightest provocation:

The residents have arrived at the point where personal reputation does not mean as much as the end for which they are struggling. The Housing Department has fully realized the impending danger, so will set forth the facts, figures, and written statements which point to the conclusive peril to the morale and general welfare of the people.

They are as follows:

1. There is not a single vacancy available to residents in Unit I to which maladjusted families and emergency cases can be moved. (A few typical housing cases have been attached to this report)

2. There are almost 500 families living with other families. This means that there is a constant source of irritation and friction within these households.

   394 cases where 2 families are living together
   82 .....3 families living together
   16 .....4 families living together

3. More than 60% of all changes of address in September and October due to reasons of Overcrowding, Lack of Privacy, and Incompatibility. (The other reasons include Health, Relatives and Friends, Proximity to Employment, Convenience, and Miscellaneous.)

4. Buildings 13 & 14 are for the most part, unpartitioned. (There are 21 families living in unpartitioned buildings)

5. Census Report shows unequal distribution of population in the blocks of Unit I. (See census report) Range from 188 (minimum) to 307 (maximum) in a block.

(1076)

6. Schools are using one whole block for educational purposes in each of the other Units, II and III. In Unit I, schools occupy Recreation Halls. The Recreation Department invades the housing barracks in some cases.--Result--shortage of housing space.

7. Some apartments used for Community Enterprise purposes and offices, thus decreasing housing space by so many apartments.

8. Five apartments must be reserved as "Honeymoon Cottages" At present, 4 rooms are held in reservation.

9. In the present housing set-up, some couples of families of 3 occupy a large apartment, while in other cases, families of 7, 8, or 9 occupy the same size apartments. The Housing Department knows that most changes of address requests are made by residents because of friction between families living together. Therefore this department has avoided, as much as possible, the further doubling up of families in one apartment.

(What Has Housing Department Done?)

The Housing Department has taken the following steps:

1. Prepared a general plan for Housing Readjustment in Unit I. This plan has been given approval by the Administration and was approved at the Block Managers meeting of November 10, 1942. The Community Council was to discuss this plan on November 18, 1942, but due to the general unrest and turn of events from the routine procedure of community life, this schedule was cancelled. As yet, it has not been presented to the people. Purpose of plan--distribute living space equally as possible and to show, by maps, where partitions are needed.

2. Stopped all moves into Unit I from Unit II and III and also from other relocation centers. Moves within Unit I have been frozen, unless that move would aid or further the above readjustment plan.

3. Requested voluntary movements to Unit II and possibly III. Unit II has the most available unoccupied apartments for residential purposes at present.

4. To the best of its knowledge, answers have been prepared by this department to questions which are most frequently asked about the housing situation.

The Housing Department feels that the people should be informed of the latest developments--of what is going on and the efforts put forth by the parties in responsible positions to alleviate this situation.

The Housing Department earnestly requests the Civic Planning Board as well as the Administration, Community Council, and the Block Managers to "drop everything" to take up the crisis issue of the day!

HOUSING DEPARTMENT, UNIT I

Phyllis Kinoshita
Ass't Chief of Housing

(Acting Chief of Housing)

c/c Mr. Head, Project Director
Mr. Evans--(Block Managers) Ass't Proj. Director
Miss Findley,--Director of Housing
Dr. Ishimaru, Chmn. of Community Council

January 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Caucasian Administrators

FROM: Temporary Community Council, Unit I

The Temporary Community Council of Unit I approved the motion brought from the floor that you are invited to sit in on our official sessions at any and all times that you may desire.

Will you pass the word around that other Caucasian administrators may also attend.

George Fujii

George Fujii, Executive Secretary
Temporary Community Council, Unit I

c to: W. Wade Head
John G. Evans
Ralph Gelvin
Dr. Spicer ✓
Vernon Kennedy

Wed. Jan 14, 1943

TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS OF POSTON:

Your representatives having been asked to study and investigate the Gamish Net Factory, which is ready for operation, respectfully make the following report:

The factory is divided into three units. The warehouse, cutting room, general office, and two weaving sheds are located in Poston I. Two weaving sheds are located in Poston II, and one weaving shed in Poston III.

The factory will employ approximately 1000 workers, 475 in Unit I, 350 in Unit II, and 175 in Unit III.

Eight hundred of the workers will be weavers. This work, though requiring speed, is light and can be done by women. Most of the office work can also be done by women. The balance of the workers will be warehousemen, cutters, mechanics, maintenance men, packers, and supervisors.

The industry will offer an opportunity for those with executive ability as, with the exception of the manager, every job from general superintendent to janitor will be filled by residents.

The work of the factory will be the weaving by hand of barbed strips into a net. Although these nets are a protective device, they are for use by the Army and therefore come under the terms of the Geneva Conference, which provides by agreements between nations that only citizens may be employed in their production.

So that the people of Poston could have the benefit of first hand information, your representatives arranged to make a trip to the Gila River Relocation Center to make a study of the net factory which is operating at that Project.

Following was the group leaving Poston on December 29:

Franklyn Chuinard	Council President	Unit I
Frank Kuwahara	Labor Chairman	Unit I
George Ono	Fair Practice Chairman	Unit II
Katsumi Takeshima	Finance Chairman	Unit III

On the inspection trip we were accompanied by Theodore Haas, Project Attorney, and Vernon D. Wenner, Director of Employment. Two full days were spent at the Gila Center during which time we were able to visit the factory and watch the actual work being done. We were able to inspect production records and to talk with many of the residents, both factory and non-factory workers.

Although the factory has only been in operation for two weeks and is at present employing about two hundred workers, we were able to get a great deal of first hand information and to reach certain conclusions on several important points.

1. The working conditions were good. There was no appreciable amount of lint in the air, either in the weaving shed or in

cutting room. While sanitary gauze masks were provided and were worn by some of the workers, those who did not wear them stated that they suffered no ill effects or felt any discomfort from their work.

2. The work, while requiring hand speed, is not heavy and does not require great physical exertion. The weaving crews are divided between men and women. The process of weaving is ideally suited to women and they stated to us that they like the work. In addition to the weavers, there are employed cutters, reefers, warehousemen, maintenance men, office workers, and supervisors.

3. The wages will be on a piece work basis. The weavers will be paid ₩4.80 per thousand square feet of net. This wage has been set by the United States Army Engineers and cannot be changed. The non-weaving workers will be paid the average wage earned by the weavers and the supervisors will receive the non-weavers wage plus 10 percent.

From a study of the production records at Gila, your representatives feel that 1000 square feet a day is a production figure that is easily attained, that workers with a little experience and some minor improvements in working conditions, such as adequate and experienced reefing crews to take away and set up the nets promptly, assurance that sufficient materials for the weavers will be on hand at all times, and so forth, should be able to average 1500 square feet a day. They feel that exceptional workers under ideal conditions might average 2000 feet a day.

Here are the actual production figures for new crews during the first eight days of operation at Gila. These figures were made under conditions that were unfavorable to the workers, such as getting a new factory started, inexperienced workers, and so forth; they are from the office records at Gila and represent the actual production for each individual for the first eight days operation of the factory.

Taking the higher figure of 1500 square feet @ $4.80 per thousand, this would mean a daily average wage of ₩7.20 or 90¢ an hour for each worker. On a basis of 1000 feet a day, it would be ₩4.80 or 60¢ per hour.

Your representatives feel that this is not out of line with outside wages prevailing in semi-skilled textile work.

One thousand workers employed at these rates would mean additional monthly payroll for Poston of ₩115,000 to ₩173,000, depending on production. These figures would be doubled if we decided to operate two shifts instead of one. This amount of new money coming into our community would substantailly raise our standard of living.

4. Your representatives feel that while the workers should be substantially rewarded, that the earnings of the factory belong to the community and that all Project workers shoudd benefit since their work is in many cases as hard and is as essential and necessary to the life of the residents as those working in the factory. Your representatives feel that for the factory workers to keep all of their wages and expect the farmers and irrigation workers to grow food for them and the mess hall workers to serve

PRODUCTION FIGURES AT GILA CENTER

Date	6 Man Crew	6 Man Crew	Girls' Crew-1	Girls' Crew-2	Girls' Crew-3	Fastest Crew	Slowest Crew
Dec. 15	528	594	452	506	500.2	580	
16	1320	1188	494	721	1007.2	1584	
17	1320	1056	767	606	11[illegible]8	1320	528
18	1056	1056	934	990	1357.7	1056	576
21	1056	1188	1056	678	1056	1131	633
22	1056	1188	1320	1320	1056	1584	731
23	1584	1386	1320	905	1320	1320	678
24	1320	1386	1320	905	1056	1320	905
Aver.	1155	1127	965	829	1067.6	1188	675.1

them and the doctors to take care of them their wives and children, and for the construction workers to build schools for them while receiving only the Project level of $16 and $19 a month would be obviously unfair and unjust and would result in a privileged class being created and would lead eventually to hard feelings and disorders. (In Chile the mess hall workers are already saying that if the factory workers want to keep all of their wages, they will not serve them.)

By international agreement, the first generation cannot work in the factory and will have to take over a great deal of the burden of camp maintenance and should therefore participate in the increased community income.

After careful consideration, your representatives propose the following general plan:

A. That the factory workers receive the regular Project wage of $16 and $19 a month plus their clothing allowance, and that they shall be paid a bonus based on production on the following basis:

For: Month	Day	Amount
20,000	333	10.00
22,500	973	15.00
25,000	1041	20.00
27,500	1145	25.00
30,000	1249	30.00
32,500	1353	35.00
35,000	1457	40.00
37,500	1561	45.00
40,000	1665	50.00
42,500	1769	55.00
45,000	1873	60.00
47,500	1977	65.00
50,000	2081	70.00

They propose that the factory workers should also share in any cash dividends earned by other Project workers and that the balance of the money, after deduction of $25 for the subsistence of each factory workers, should go into a Workers Dividend Fund, whether to have one or three Trust Funds to be decided by the Work Corps, this fund to be controlled by elected trustees, and to be distributed monthly to other Project workers who will be placed in a five dividend classification based on the difficulty of their work and its importance to the life of the community.

For example: Physicians would be placed in Class I and would receive the highest dividend, construction, and education the next highest, and so forth. People doing light and non-essential work would receive the smallest dividend share. The grading of the workers can be done by work committees or the Fair Practice Board.

Under this plan the income of the factory workers would work out as follows:

35,000 feet monthly production @ $4.30 per thousand:

Gross Earnings	$150.00
Less Deductions:	
Subsistence	25.00
Tax	2.40
Cash Advance (To worker)	16.00
Clothing Allowance (Average)	6.00
Bonus (To workers)	20.00

The worker would receive $42 plus dividend share.
The Dividend Fund would receive $80.60

35,000 feet monthly production @ $4.30 per thousand:

Gross Earnings	150.00
Less Deductions:	
Subsistence	25.00
Tax	3.30
Cash Advance	16.00
Clothing Allowance	6.00
Bonus	40.00

The worker would receive $[illegible] plus dividend share.
The Dividend Fund would receive $77.[illegible].

If one thousand workers' average dividend contribution was $30, that would give us a monthly dividend pot of $30,000. With this much money to distribute, the work corps could recognize the block as an important community unit and give each Boston block $50 or $100 a month to be used for block welfare, improvements, or whatever other purpose the block saw fit to use the money for. As there are 72 blocks in Boston, this would still leave over $70,000 for workers participation.

Based on 7000 workers, that will mean an average dividend of $10 per month per worker or on the classification system the physician might receive $20, the subjugation worker $15, and the non-essentials probably $5 or $8. If an equal distribution is made, the physicians and the messenger boy would receive the same amount. If more or less money was in the fund at the end of the month, the dividends would of course be reduced or raised accordingly. Should the factory operate on a two shift basis, the figures would be doubled.

Your representatives realize that all figures and proposals are general and are offered for the purpose of giving a general idea of the operation of the factory and how it would affect the lives of the people of Boston.

It is important that the community make certain decisions as soon as possible:

1. Whether they feel that the operation of the factory will benefit the community.

2. What wage distribution plan they want to adopt.

These are general questions and should be decided quickly, as there is always the possibility that the Government will change its plans.

It is understood that due to the recent disturbance, the factory at Hingham is to be closed down. This means more work for the Boston plant. We feel safe in saying that at present there isat least six months work in sight and it may last longer.

Your representatives feel that while it is important that the people of Boston immediately give the Government and the contractor assurance that they will support the factory, that before actual work begins, they should get certain assurances in writing from the contractor. For example:

They should insist that all workers are fully covered by accident insurance and that all State and National laws relating to health, safety and sanitation are complied with before a single worker enters the factory.

They should insist that all State and National labor laws are complied with.

They should insist that the contractor recognize the Fair Practice Committee as the elected representatives of the workers for the purpose of handling grievances and for the purpose of collective bargaining.

They should insist that all workers be hired through our Employment Office and that merit workers be given first opportunity for employment.

They should attempt to get a minimum wage guarantee for the beginners.

The details of the dividend fund distribution and worker classification can be worked out by the work corps and submitted to the people before the first pay period.

So that the people of Boston may express themselves as quickly as possible, your representatives propose that:

1. That meetings be called in each block or ward and that the report be read and discussed with the people on two separate evenings, the first meeting to be held the evening of the committee discussion, the second not more than two days later.

2. That at the conclusion of the second meeting, those present will be permitted to vote by secret ballot on the issues discussed in this report.

All residents 18 years of age and over will vote "yes" or "no" on the proposition:

"Do you favor the new factory?"

Yes _____ No _____

1st Cl. Petty 7/23/42

Ship's manager made benefit report be made + Ch. off'r Cte q3 immediately.

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Evans — First speech to Council 7/23/42

Warned must never be said that Cl did not truly represent the people.

Obj. 1. Leg = good

2. L & O

Must demand full cooperation of all

Advice from mother & father

Bevage 2nd Q Rely 7/29/42

Not possible to make a clear-cut definition of the status of the people, in a situation as complicated as this.

Bill's re Council 1st Cl Petty. 7/23/42

Question of relation brought up

Also again at 2nd petty 7/29/42

2nd Cl Nisei 7/29/42

Kuratai Representation

Nisei wants to know if they are business of the council & why admin. printed them, bashing the movement?

Complaints
Council status
Committee separations
Mtg. etc.
Issei - Nisei relations
Daily check - Mr
How long?

3rd Cl Betty 8/5/42

Ctee appointed

Evans explains BM's + Council
Employees gov't property angle
BM's people choice, by Kimball
Janitor

Housing + Food ctee to meet 8/6

Function of Ctee

Cl. mtgs in meadville

Kitchen complaint

Profits of city store, people asking - 4

3q - Child delinquency, protection for adolescents

12 - Transport. for Council members

4th Cl Atty 8/7/42

Codes for hospital – see WH

L + O Ct report

Code of Offenses – gambling, vagrancy, assault, etc

Chief of Police speaks for equipment to force

Felonies

Penalties – fine + jail, no forced labor – no decision

Juvenile definition – 16 yrs = working age

(Jurisdiction distinct)

8/11/42 S.J.

I skimmed his letters to Greene & Kreier on

Auto

Mo-between (Japs) to U.S. + WRA

Town hall, after basic housing, food, schools

Police budget, etc.

5th & Atg. 8/12/42

I should make letter to Browne & Kroeier

Issei participation – Advisory, language(?), mechanics, transport, election, grade, appted by present council(?)

Cty. Gent. funds – Finance Ctee – $300

Food Ctee Report – bad condition
  Violent entry
  Rent antagonists
  Barrel of pickles

Work Projects Ctee on camouflage
  Only nisei

Code of Offenses
  Vagrancy – "all words of gods"
  Illicit Cohabitation
  Board of Judges
  Juvenile office

Civil service system for cops, etc

6th Cl Ward 8/19/42

Ch. = Citizens of Committee for abrogation
Code of Offenses — V

Block Managers' selection
Petition from Block

Food Cte
Revolver = blind alley
Limits, says kitchen inefficient
Record of fighter
Vote of confidence in food Cte

Petition for removal of policeman
Social Welf. Cte
Old people, poor, juveniles
Recreation — funds lacking
Education — credit, biology
Health Cte — nurses, aides, coolers now in hand.
Work Projects Cte — Shortage of equipment in agri.
Equal wages in agri, etc.

Bldg & housing — plans
Crowded housing

7th Ol Sity

8/26/42

WH said to go slow
Quad system for Orsli
Police force vote of confidence
after discussing of petitions, etc.
Indigent aid
Public Rel. Cte on fire release
Assn sity coming for cte che.
City Cut. report
Finance Cte
Store well conducted = Amano

8th Cl Party

9/2/42

New Commissioner sworn in
Finance Cte appointed
L & O Cte
Boys steady food

P. B. Cte
Lining signs & lighting
County Fair Board
Radio station for 3 Comp
Newspaper on City Cut
Building Code of Offenses & Traffic Reg.
Only one non-Conversion
Incident at III (Hose on outside Union)

Complaint over false fire alarms
Ch. says Ctes not go direct to O.D.
WH talks on S.F. Conference
1. Co-operative employment agen
2. Clothing allowances
3. Clothing and emblems
4. Coupons to be
5. Religious services
6. 50¢ a day added to food ration
20 cents for selling uniforms
Recreation funds - none
WH - throwing of rocks at Commission
Barbed wire fence around slide cup

Lindsey
Stores Neighborhood
Outdoor
Screen
Joint mtg of Bd Ma'n & Council approved
Council Car
Hose reels WR & fighting on Council
#34 (?)
Private enterprises?
Election of recall council instead of appointing.

W. P. Cte
Good footing with Jos. foreman

Educ. Cte
Intg with view on teachers encouraging family life
P.T.A.
School Lodge
Food Cte - Hospital food service
Welfare of Food & Housing

Check on 45¢
Best to leave (?)

Young people in the parks
Recreation fields for Victory Gardens
Equipment for recreation
Grants?
Consolidate athletic budgets
Recreation overcrowded
Separate religion from it

Permanent goal
Horace says "ninety-ten in favor of TCC position"
after Boston III

9th Cl. Mtg. 9/9/42

Ann — police to P.D.

P.R. Cte
Road system — V
Fair booth

Unsei rotth for IAB — V

IAB — 1 to Hosch + 1 to Grad — V

BM + Council get setg
Partition under conflict

Recre Cte
money needed
$P flow rejected — dictation
$500 to rec. by Trustees
Money from Fair

W.P. Cte
Color relations — welcome, grievance
Foreman's attitude

Health Cte — Hospital funding — V
Sewage odors } complaints
Drainage under kitchen }

Food Cte —
New steward

2 + 6 Cte —
New offenses — V
Traffic Code into Jofa.

Rumor that Council had voted for Cooper 31-5

Relief aid

Unemployed dept. Heads — 12

? of calling dept. heads on carpet?

Jury selection

Publicity to trials — PB + outside — 22

Parking facilities

Police dept "out of unions" — 45

10th Cl. Mtg. 9/16/42

Election set for 1AB
Council sec. to repr ctee
Bk ball game + ref not present
P.R. Cte
Brook
Money to sec., etc.
Soc. Welf. Cte
Making Housing Survey
W.P. Cte
Warehouse labor trouble
Heat, power, etc, Indian
Outside employment
Conditions
Workmen's Compensation
Private enterprise
Facing trouble
Memo to WH
Nisei soldier

Two decks or classes for school
Photography shop
Mr Nickle speaker
Indiana dist green salver
Blum. govt – 3 camps
Office space for council
Funds not yet set up for relief
Issei meet with Council
Head addresses
Most frequent questions of week
1. Relief
2. Strike
3. Council not referring to strike
4. Lack of equipment
5. Council constitution
6. Issei in corps = good
? Partition Ceiling Responsibility to work others?
Schools outside Raise wages

11th Cl. Mtg 9/23/42

Trial board for II beating case
Nominations — V
Kaiser resigns + go out — V
Lakin resigns — V
IK speaker on outside employment
FPC
Outside employment
Workmen's Compensation
P.R. Cte (History of book)
P.B. reports
P.R. release date
Felonies
asking for news int BM's
35 for athletic refs.
Crematory + hospital
Education Cte
Reception
PTA
Budget — tax dog
Wages for teachers

Visiting textbook seller
Perm Org Cte elected
Working hours
changing time

12th Cl Party 9/30/42

Personal Service Bureau
VK
Co Ent appears to be in on it
"Tied up with wind while social fellow, & Porter

IA B election returns
Election dispute in 36
accept – V

Info. on protection, stores, housing, screen

Reve from Kaiser in Utah
Also bad news

Soc. Welf. Cte – survey
workers not in field enough
Rec. groups sponsored by Stroke and management
Inter-religious Council
X rise more active than Buddhists
Children's fortune, few vices
Young B M's older than old
Situation worse, apparently improving

Code of Offenses available
~~[illegible]~~ Character fair & education

W.P. Cte
FPC
Camouflage
labor = zero
= key of dynamite
"Sabotage"
advertising for workers
Bundles
Threats for unloading – 39
Education = Council's job
TM – malicious rumors
Statistics on labor – more to look in 200
Basic policy
Cl Soc group to meet with W.H.

NJ on policy & P-B
Subscriptions
Beauty Contest

I a B 10/7/42 S.J.

1st sty. — diff. oath, not repeated by them

Disorder, 2 languages

Clap for order by I szei

Tonceful speeches

Crematory

Nisei = stage superstition

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13 Cl Duty. 10/7/42

Issei meet with Council
Issei room in
Crematory
Bowers talks with Mr Japan 1890
24, Tacoma, Wa.
P.B. editorial on
Resolution

W.P. Cte
Cam Hdt
Education one job - 36
12 - got to have basic policy on
what charges we made clear
written statement
Adm must explain transferees
Clarify policy - a resolution — V
Personal Leave Bureau under Cty Govt.
with trust fund — V

BM ball game collection

Portland City Election 90 days — V
Zine signal

[illegible] attempt to get a minimum wage guarantee for the beginners.

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Yes _____ No _____

14 Cl Conf

10/14/42

Crematory moved
Corp Election not settled
Trust Fund - Cl IAB, TCC, BM - V
For cotton picking

Dog biting - licenses - C of O

Pay roll procedure
~~Reg. to W D Cte~~
Resolution to WH

Kroeden
Veri by discourage it

Stover - 1 mo. HHT

Dental service - info.

P.A. system

Fair Booth
Not exhibit

Food Cte - no report

W.P. Cte -
FPC - virtual union
Cotton-picking - trust fund
Project protection
No action

Recom. on stover

P.O. inspection & M.O.'s

Announcement for cotton-pickers

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15 Cl Rity

10/2 P/42

~~Committee, Pres. fi. bd action~~
~~Ref. to~~

Officers of JAB introduced

Pub. Health checking dogs

Private entrance in III - Cooler
Arrestee

Late delivery of telegrams & special delivery mail
Memo to W H & P O

J sei not allowed to work on Com. Act

Coop to be cleared by sept rity

Memo on Jap. - Cane relations JEL

No restriction on rity in Japanese

Hoarding limited to 25# to Bd's

Housing Ctee -
Partitions - Ch. Manager - giving up Office
Steel Cots

Indefective Insurance

Food Ctee -
Improved, Best grade
No or wint broke?
Bologny & wieners
Milk Baby food

Fair Ctee proceeds
handling at Fair - minors
Portiere
Food & film, meetings
Fair booth at

W.P. Ctee
FPC - Committee to contact landlord

PTA entertainment

Ch - Council not refusing book

Screens
changing time
Division of Canteen
Cotton - Aden went out handling

[illegible] attempt to get a uniform wage guarantee for the beginners.

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Yes _____ No _____

16 Cl Mtg

10/28/42

Council picked cotton $57.12
IAB report — Cotton & Grain in bad mtg
Kerrigan apology — V
VK — Cotton
Importance to Order V. — more mtg in Parker
Appeals as farmer to farmer, not war
? Long or short staple
School funds
IA thinks good thing
Expr of nation — public relations
Hat — passing at sports events (I)
No answer on pay clothing roll resolution
? in Order? screens &c
FDC — not train-out
COR discussion
I said don't know what dust — 22
Journeymen on hunter diff
P.B. — 90 days postponement

17 Cl Atty

11/4/42

Memo on speeding trucks to Barnett
Closer relationship with UAB
& advisers

Cary ~~to~~ Hearing on schools
Hi school problem
WRA re adole plan
City problem

Istvi – WH's problems
Cte from II + III
Don't make demands or adm.
Order Cary & follow up on true signal

Meet divid UAB before – V
& inter cte

Food Cte
Milk reduction ? How fight this?
? Intervene?

Swimming Cte
Disbursements to Rec, etc.

W.P. Cte
FPC – not developing
No info.

Cottons
Hi school groups
Block funds
Race feeling better

Bldg & Loan Cte – 39
City Hall
Park
Magnesite on flam & amy
Poplin too busy

Stores + cleanings
Petitions in Shoe to do own work

P.B. – threatening repetition – 39

Recreation
Cty ass. set-up, cabinet
Hat-passing – ordinance
Funds – bldg Heat Pt.
Indo ball

Suspension of permits
Rumor of WRA letting 8 orts go to WCCA

Management

18 Cl Mtg

11/11/42

Moving people for school bldgs
Having dept report on I
Popkin
Materials for schools – his priority
Outside conditions, etc
Doesn't know how long
Moving bldgs.
Inci – why not temporary arrangements for schools?
Collier
Self-govt
Outside interest
Schools + housing
Move bldgs from Comp II – V
Effect sec. for Cl – V
Cl car
VK announces job
Pay in II – W.P.
clothing allowance not begun

Relief – don't know
Collier promises pay not to be more than 3 wks behind
Inc Conditions for W R A on rising insits

19 Cl Ants 11/18/42

Resignation of T C C on Uchida Case

20 Cl Mtg 12/16/42

New TCC errors in
WH —
CEC relations

Electing of officers

VK — Speech of welcome
Labor
America
Discrimination
4 freedoms
Officers in democracy
One Doctor

Meet with issei + CEC
Crisis in housing in I-Honolulu
Partition

Carp — School problems
Teachers going out
School bldg?

? Recov. history for tenders? - 36

CEC orders decision on Com Det
Plan — Industrial deduction
Goder rsn
Donation to Block

VK — Progress Cte on Com Det for info
Cte appointed

Separate mtgs for issei + nisei
Nisei to have Hostess

Cte for ~~Lab~~ TCC

21 Cl Party

12/17/42

Prisci Ctee
Lawyer on Jud. Com. — V
Relation of CEC to TCC - 39
Advisory to WH
TCC legislative, consult with B.D.
Exeter Sec. of TCC — V
LRB on Cam Ret
60% of decisions, 40% not
CEC says misi decide it
Dismissal
Powell
Org of Com. Act
Cam Ret Ctee to study
Emp. + LR Ctee = WP Ctee — V
Functions of Ctees

Two-chamber plan
Recognize UAW as admitted

22 Cl Mtg 1/6/43 ~~1/4/43~~

Jt Cont'd J a B ~~[illegible]~~
Should Chairmanship

CVK – Powell Plan
Cte to work on

WH - New Year's Greeting

P.R. Cte –
Kido resolution
James for Question
Jap. language in P-B
Centralizing papers
Question WH on James
Censorship
Pro-Axis release

Report on Gila Visit ~~on Cam Act~~
Problem, present pay, clothing.
Motion – ✓ Cte refer

Report on Camp Meet at Gila
Question of Problem with mess, etc.

City directory

Jt. with 1AB + BM's

23 Cl Rots

1/13/43

Cam. net – 39

V info
Report on Barnick Net Factory
Dividend plan

?/3
3 units on dividends

Reconv. 1 trust fund – V

Status of Zolli Ben?

2d Cl Mtg 1/14/43

Jt. Mtg.
Honor Court
Informal discussion & arbitration for
C.E.C. & I.A.B.

25 Cl Rity 1/15/43

Morris James
Titles + Connection
Money from Fair
Nov. 24 Bro. Am stand
AP reports
News in Japanese
Cry of paper
Ord of Margin Estates
Old stories
Council Coverage
CEC release + Council release
CEC (Inquiries) urges action on
fence immediately. None is
taken in the city.

26 Cl Mtg 1/18/43

Jt Mtg with BA's

Minutes for Board 7

Transportation between camps, power

Low-flying airplanes #'s.

Hog production & garbage

Manufacture of charcoal + ice cream

Regularity of Cl — V

New releases thru exper. sec. — V

arbitration of IAB + C&C
Shake hands

Supplementary report on Cam. Det
Promos, etc. elections
Outside Affairs

BA's 1/2 clear.

Housing & Educ Ctes to meet with School on bi-racial problem.

Financial report

P.R. Cte on future supervision of Engineer in press
all news.
Selection of Jofa. editor
Congressional report — Green & supplies bad publicity on pamphlets
Consolidation of III Camps now

Cam Det will come in despite vote

Invitation to Cameo to attend Council — V

27 Cl Party 1/21/43

Miscl only (after vote on Com Rept)

~~Finance report~~

Relief

Report on Com. Rept vote

Immediately of issue

Report back to Blocks – V

Housing & Schools

Vacate block by lottery – V

Cte on Adm. of Unit I

P. R. Cte –

Second editors

2nd T.C.C. 6th 1/15/42

Investm on Mr. Jones.

A&(CEC) tried to push resa. on pres – unsuccessfully

2nd T.C.C. gt 1/21/43

Primaries

Relief

Cam. Det - election agent X

Schools - draw lots X

The Technique of Organization

The Issues of Post-Strike Organization

2nd T.C.C. 7th 1/18/43

Painters for land 7

Power for transport

Low-flying airplanes X

Hog production

Charcoal & ice cream.

Regular rotg. X

Brew relevant than Ex. Ser X

Mediation of CEC + SAO X

Carnivet — electric — X

Beer Chargers — X

Permits Cancel. to rotgs — X

The Exchange of Organizations
The Department Work-Study
Organizations

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2nd T.C.C. 7th 1/18/43

Janitors for board 7

Passes for transport

Low-flying airplanes X

Hog production

Charcoal & ice cream.

Hygiene city X

Brew cleaner than Ex. Lex X

Medication of CEC + DAB X

Carnet — electric — X

Beer charges — X

Invite Cance. to retire — X

2nd F.C.C 3rd Reg 1/6/43

UK on Powell Plan

Resolution on Pirate letter

Japa. language newspaper

Centralize news

Giving Mr. James

Gila Report X

Clothing + linoleum

City directory

2nd TCC. 5th Party 1/14/43

CEC arbitration

Honor Court

Agreement with CEC on
bd are all for peace + all
want peace in Boston

2/3 vote of respective committees

2nd T.C.C. 4th Mtg 1/13/43

Cam Ret

BMR, FAB, + TCCC joint

2nd T.C.C. 2nd Pty 12/17/42

Relation to CEC

TH - CEC = technical consultants

Members of Cons Dept. on J.C. X

Dem Secretary X

Com. Net - to Priscilla EC-LRB

J.P. on Comm. Act. studying

Relation to LRB

Nakori says people must decide on Com Net.

Function of Ctee

Recognizing Dept Council and LRB X

2nd T.C.C. 1st mtg 12/16/42

Election of officers WH talks on CEC

VK (did not mention CEC)

Housing - Kuroshima

MC - Zendera (hosp)
Bldgs (good feeling of admin)

CEC recom. on Cam Det

X Cte on Cam. Det

X Separate mtg of Issei

It is understood that due to the recent disturbance, the factory at Wenham is to be closed down. This means more work for the Boston plant. We feel safe in saying that at present there is at least six months work in sight and it may last longer.

Your representatives feel that while it is important that the people of Boston immediately give the Government and the contractor assurance that they will support the factory, that before actual work begins, they should get certain assurances in writing from the contractor. For example:

They should insist that all workers are fully covered by accident insurance and that all State and National laws relating to health, safety and sanitation are complied with before a single worker enters the factory.

They should insist that all State and National labor laws are complied with.

They should insist that the contractor recognize the Fair Practice Committee as the elected representatives of the workers for the purpose of handling grievances and for the purpose of collective bargaining.

They should insist that all workers be hired through our Employment Office and that merit workers be given first opportunity for employment.

They should attempt to get a minimum wage guarantee for the

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Oct. 12, 1942

Press Bulletin

Tour of cotton fields--- 200x acres --- Kennedy, Takahashi, Hiraoka.
Farmers explain ease of picking long staple with 3 fingers.
Announcement made that employment offices in three camps will take volunteers at $19 a month, remainder going to general community trust fund.

Press Bulletin Oct. 11, 1942

Camp II pre- Fair Practice Cte votes for $19 outside employment wage and Evacuee Trust Fund for Work Corps

Cotton - Picking

Kennedy Oct 14, 1942

Gets idea of importance of cotton picking for public relations.

"It would be a good thing for public relations. You know some of the things that have been said about cotton-picking and the Japanese workers not doing it. Now here is a cotton area right at our back door. It would be a good thing for Boston if it could be said that we had pitched in right away abd picked the cotton. It was there and there was nobody to do it and Boston pitched in and did the job. And there's $30,000 in wages to be picked up. It would be a feather in our cap. "

Oct. 14, 1942

Employment dept. heads

Tanaka(I) --- Incentive necessary, wont go out if for trust fund.
Make a picnic of it.
Fifty cent clothing allowance extra to each picker.

Oct. 14, 1942

Work Projects Cte members:

Decide on stand for protection of project.

Admit that this means socialism and are in doubt about whole programme of community fund

Kennedy

Oct. 14, 1942

Gets idea of getting one picker from each block, having B.N. responsible for one only.

Proposes this to Katow and Sugimoto for proposal at council meeting in afternoon.

Idea concurred in by employment heads of I and III

Presents threat of Head deciding differently from council

Council Meeting Oct. 14, 1942

Ishimaru: It looks like the main subject around now is the trust fund. Apparently it's to be controlled by the Japanese who will presumably be elected by the people.... There will be three persons to work on this. It doesn't have to be any America, that is, Caucasian, on this board of trustees.....

Kuwahara: Would this board be temporary?

Ishimaru: Well, it would start the cotton-picking off. Nobody would want to go out if they didn't know who is going to take care of the money in the trsut fund.....

Yano: This is our own money, not the government's.

Vote taken and passed to set up trustees of fund.

Block 43: This ought to be set up on a permanent basis so that people will feel that the money is being taken care of properly right straight through.

Council Meeting Oct. 14, 1942

Katow:..... The other point is about these cotton workers going out on a $19 basis and turning in the surplus to the Trust fund. We are thinking of setting up this trust fund.

Block 16: Will the funds be distinguished with the three units?

Ishimaru: It's got to be worked out in terms of one unit. The work is going to be worked out proportionately between the three camps, that is, so many workers from each camp in proportion to the population. That is the theory of the thing. .....

Kasuga: If three funds are set up it's going to create a lot of difficulty because people will be going back and forth between the camps.

Council Meeting Oct. 14, 1942

Katow: Now about this cotton deal. You know Mr. Head might say people could go out and get paid full wages. What are you going to do if he does?

Block 16: It looks to me as if we are making a protective move v for the center.

Kanegae: Well, I think it's right that these people wont go out what with wear and tear on their clothes and all that. None are going to go out. It would be protection for us that way.

Saito: Well, isn't this matter of whether they go or not up to the project director? We are acting for what we think is for the good of the project.

Katow: Well, then we say that we present this to Mr. Head and in case no workers go out, then what about it?

Block 16: Is it our job to push all of these things? If we get behind the cotton project then are we going to push all outside employment and things?

Sugimoto: Well, when we make this for the good of the project, it means that we have to get behind and preach socialism; that's what it amounts to.

Katow: The theory is just the same in connection with cotton that it is for the camouflage net.

Ogawa: Well, we can tell them in the blocks what's what, but we cant tell them they have to do anything.

Oct. 14, 1942

Council Meeting

Ogawa: These people are going to think only of themselves. I know that most of them, if theyget out there, will stop when they have done $19 worth.

Katow: Well, if this doesn't go through, do you propose a change in it?

Ogawa: This way we have it now, it forces them to stay in. Is tht what the people want? Do that or to stay in?

Kuwahara: Well, this is out in an Indian Reservation. Might be a little inducement. You can go out and get some ice cream and work one or two days and make some sort of picnic, you know.

Amano: We cant change this now. The regulations has already been accepted by Camp II and I by the councils.

Katow: If there are not enough workers----

Fujii: Maybe the employers could give some shoes or something like that.

Nomura: Why worry about the consequences? Our job is done. What Smoot is talking about is not our job.

Katow: Then the council is ready to stand by the regulations?

Council Meeting Oct. 14, 1942

Ogawa: If they want this cotton picked at Parker and things like that, why dont they evacuate more people from California to do it. We got our problems. We got our troubles. We are human beings, too. Why dont they evacuate more people for the job?

Katow: The people on the outside arent thinking about that. They wont think about that.

Saito: Well, I suppose you think it will be any better if we do go out and pick cotton.

Katow: All the committee wants is the council's decision, If no workers turn out, then that's your headache. That's what we could say to Mr. Head.

Amano: Why add that?

Katow: We have to add that, dont we? We could just say we made a ruling. (Laughter)---- we did our duty.

Amano: We dont have to add that at all. We could stop right there.

Katow: (Sitting down) Dont forget, you guys voted that way.

Council Meeting Oct. 14, 1942

Miwa: We have to explain this thing to the people. We understand what it is.

Amano: (Interrupts) We dont understand it either.

Miwa: We do understand it. The people dont understand it. We got to have to explain this thing to the people. We have to educate them in the whole matter.

Nomura: We are just temporary arne't we? Lets leave this thing up to the administration. That's not our job as the temporary council.

Katow: We got to have some kind of answer, dont we?

Nomura: Aren't we going to have an election to decide these things? Decide whether we're going to have a trust fund or subsistence payments?

Miwa: We've got to explain this before we do anything on cotton.

Ogawa: Well, we are not policemen. We cant recruit people.

Katow: The whole question is, if there are not enough workers, then what?

Amano: You are way off the subject there. We are trying to concern ourselves with thewelfare of the people. That's our job.

Katow: I see it that way myself, but what does the council want to do on this thing?

Kuwahara: Now there might be a reason if Mr. Head is encouraging this cotton picking. This land is held by the Indian Service and there might be repercussions. Now the way I see it, maybe Mr. Gensler did his part. He helped out when we came in here. He gave us a lot of help. Now maybe there is a feeling that we ought to help back in return. Maybe it's tied up with this Indian Service business.

Saito: Well, if that's the way it is, let him come out and say so

Council Meeting Oct. 14, 1942

Kennedy: When is this announcement for the cotton pickers going to take place? When could we expect cotton pickers to be ready?

Ishimaru: Monday, if any at all come? How about it, Mr. Kennedy, do you want to say something about this?

Kennedy: No, it's allright with me.

Press Bulletin Oct. 21, 942

Crawford issues statement saying that $25,000 of cotton-picking wages will go to individuals at $19 a month and $35,000 will go into trust fund for eventual disbursement to working residents.

Cotton wages announced as $4.00 per 100 for long staple and $2.50 for short. B.W.'s are taking names of people.

P.B. Oct. 22. 1942

Editorial on not letting down even if usual pay incentives of outside are not present in Boston. Appeal on individual character basis.

P.B. Oct. 23, 1942

Tanaka of Employment I announces emergency crew of five high school boys "to overcome shortage of labor found here by outside harvest work and the beginning of fall schools.

PB. Oct. 24, 1942

Oct 22--- meeting of "community leaders" in staff room and decision for B.M.'s, councilmen to start the new move by going themselves during the "crucial period."

F.B.)ct. 27, 1942

Voice of an Issei---- Reconsider trust fund. Believes general consensus of "workers" is against it. Many believe it "might develop into something very sinister in its nature and finally into un-American idea like Bolshevism."

Equalizing pay will result in creating an independent state within the U.S.

"The creation of an evacuee trust fund out of the earnings of hard workers without their consent amounts to a despotism which can only be practiced in the USSR but not here.

Not here for lifetime. This war will not destroy financial structure of U.S.

Fund means sponging on some other honest guys earnings in some future date.

Store allright but ~~xxxx~~ no fund should be forcibly rested from hard working men and women.

Those who voted for it should see how terribly hard cotton picking is.

Council Meeting Oct. 22, 1942

Koga: Is this long or short staple cotton?
Kennedy: Both. I assume they will not check that much.
----: What of compensation?
Kennedy: Paid for at four cents a pound.
Yano: Will it be put into the trust fund or is the person to keep the money.
Kennedy: Pay will be secondary. Total earnings wouldn't be more than five or six dollars. I'm sure you can deduce that later. It wouldn't be much money for each individual perhaps $1.50 to $2.00 per day, but in the aggregate will be quite a sum. The question is whether we feel cotton crop is vital enough to pick.

Council Meeting Oct. 28, 1942

Issei adviser: I think it is a good idea, but I dont know if we could get our people or not. We may need some block managers to help us.

Ishimaru: I talked to my block and even older people thought that for one day they would be glad to do it. It may take a few days to build up the feeling. I did it in my block last night.

..... Ishimaru: Issei council will meet tomorrow and hurry this thing thru--- perhaps by beginning of next week. They in turn will consult the block managers and block councils and see what we can do. Is that agreeable with everyone here?

Council Meeting Oct. 28, 1942

Katow: I think we ought to contact Camp 2 and 3 about this. We have been working on this as one problem all along.

.... Kennedy: Do you want me to contact the other camps for you?

Council Meeting Oct. 28, 1942

Mathiesen: What has been the reaction of the farmers?

Ishimaru: I found them really thankful, especially one man. He came out of the car and said, "You Japanese might think us Americans have feelings against you, but we've Negroes, Mexicans, etc. on our farms." When I said, "Do you mean you need labor?" he came back and said it was not so. I gather they want to be friendly and have no animosity toward our group.

Kennedy: At meeting at Parker, where there were no evacuees present, the farmers were deeply appreciative of the help they had got from Poston. They spoke well of the individuals they had met. We know that feeling doesnt exist thruout the nation. We know we are on trial here. The eyes of the U.S. are on us. We know the cotton deal fell through at Gila. From broad national standpoint it would be fine public relations if it could be officially stated that the people of Poston rallied to an emergency. We have been s small farmers and we know that if forced bt flood, blight, etc. we would be appreciative if help comes. If we turn out in quantity, trucks will haul things. Farmers will blend backwards to satify us.

P.B. Oct. 28, 1942

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Fred T. Yoshida
Block 5

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Council Meeting Oct. 28, 1942

Ishimaru: I'd like to make a few announcements. Last Monday a lot of us went cotton-picking. The block managers, council members, etc. picked 1428½ lbs., i.e., exactly $57.12 worth. We bought six cases of soda water. I want to reimburse community enterprise for that,

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I have some statistics here. Monday there were 56 workers--19 were councilmen--- 22 were block managers--- and 15 were some issei advisers and friends. Block 26(?) had most and Block 18 next.

Council Meeting Oct. 28, 1942

Kennedy: Fellow cotton pickers(Laughter) I went to the mass meeting last Monday in Parker. Two things were brought out. (1) Cotton is vital and must be brought in. (2) The prosperity of Parker Valley depends on the cotton crop. Many of the farmers are small ranchers like many of us were in California. Their money is in the crop and if they dont get it in, they will be ruined. The people of Parker feel that picking cotton is more than a matter of wages. Practically every man, woman, and child in Parker have signed up to pick cotton one day a week. Employers will allow employees to go cotton picking once a week. There is not enough people in Parker to pick cotton this year. Normally 300 professional cotton pickers come from Texas to pick cotton but this year only four came. After talking with Dr. Ishimaru and Tomo Ito I wonder if this would work: Have Poston go on same basis as Parker--- pledge a day's labor of week. I am sure the people will not be taken off the Poston pay roll for the day. If we do that maybe once a week will be too often. There will be wives and school kids--- maybe 10,000. Perhaps we could get out 700,800a day. The engineer will furnish trucks and transportation. The farmers will furnish bags and possibly ice water and lunch. If this is acceptable maybe it could be handled by quads. The mess halls could fix box lunches. Trucks could then come almost to the doorway. I am assuming that every one knows the importance of handling the cotton crop.

Council Meeting Oct. 28, 1942

Ishimaru: Wanted to know reaction of quad picnic in cotton picking. Called on Camp III to give reaction.

Sam(Camp 3): We feel it as a duty. We dont have any picnic spirit.

Ishimaru: I know the farmers are quite concerned about wind and rain and their effect on cotton. Can we go back to our blocks and fix up a day to go out? I know our group enjoyed going out. Since we cant get steady workers, it might be a good idea to institute such a plan. Anyone against this idea?

Takai: All for it as far as personal opinion is concerned, but I dont know what my block members think.

-----: We need some improvements. That water, you couldn't drink it.

Isimaru: As far as transportation goes, army will take care of it as they did for 3 yesterday. How about it advisors?

Council Meeting Oct. 28, 1942

Ishimaru: What about what we talked about last night.

Kennedy: The high school in Camp 3 wants money for a general school fund. They are anxious to get money for an annual and wondered whether they could go out to pick cotton to get the money. Since they are not members of the Works Corps I see no objection in their using that money for school purposes. Does anyone object? We dont want to interfere in any basic plan. Dr. Harris also tells me that high school students of Camp I want to build up funds for athletic equipment, etc. At conclusion of meeting at Parker Dr. Cary, Dr. Harris, sup. of schools at Parker and guest from Yuma expressed hope that athletic rivalry could be established between Parker, Poston, Yuma, etc. to build morale.

Oct. 30, 1942

P.B.

"V.R. Kennedy, employment chief, reported that every able-bodied man, woman and child pledged to pick cotton one day per week at a meeting in Parker. He suggested that Poston residents might work out a plan whereby volunteers could work one day in a cycle of tem days or two weeks."

" Every convenience possible is promised in the way of transportation, work and water.

"Farmers have expressed a genuine appreciation of the help Poston residents have done, and they are eager to develop relationships with Postonians. It was also pointed out that the evacuees' assistance would be a fine gesture.

"It was decided that Poston II and III will be contacted and the cotton picking issue settled soon.

Nov. 11, 1942.

(Soc. J.) (TS)

High svhool seniors out to pick with picnic feeling and return with small gripes about the cold, lunches, hard work for moeny, etc.

Portion
I - N sentiments
moving In Period

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Yells C about bta Unita fpsd trouble o
Boyp was sent here because of it

Yalegirva —

... Will you look forward into the future a little? After peace, what is going to happen to the N's. There is no doubt in my mind that they will be kicked around like dogs, as witness the treatment of Germany in the post World War Period. I don't know if the Nisei realize the predicament they are in. What we really wanted to hear from the N's was a statement to the effect that they would work hand in hand with the O's, and try to work out, and forget any problems or situations which may arise from time to time. Small groups in Utah. Why not you?

PTCC –

Hasada – J + H relationship in terms of parent + child. J + shd not be dismissed so lightly. Even if the govt regulations make a distinction, we should act cooperatively to create an ideal city. Your parents came as poor immigrants. They sacrificed a great deal + helped to make this city. H. of N shd offer the cooper. of J seri; it is a reflection upon the elders. You should have faith in your ancestors. I believe you who are wise will welcome the cooper of all to create an ideal city here.

TCC II

Ole 222 (1A) In our block, there is not I or N. We only have Japanese in our block. We just decided not to have an adviser. We had left it up to our councilman. What we had in mind was to have separate meetings, & then give the results to our councilman, who will in turn present it to the council.

IIRC —

Resolution - June 5

Tach. "The I's are not speaking against the N's, nor are we saying that we will not support them".

Honda: "Since the Nisei minds even in diff. channels, even tho they have written their system a part of our blood, we feel that we cannot entrust our future welfare to the N's.... We feel that after the poor job that the N's have done in Calif., we cannot possibly entrust our future welfare to that group."

"Leader is among the over"

— "We will elect Nisei reps, however, we want them to understand that they will be working for all the people as a Japanese and not as an American.

— I see opinion that right kind of Nisei will solve problem

PTCC —

Yadri — Who's responsible for the mess causing the rift between the C's + R's? Isn't it the fault of the N S Govt. + the WRA? What do we care if we have a council or not? . . . If there 20,000 Japanese unite, there is nothing which cannot be accomplished. I believe that if we united in such a way, we will obtain better results & perhaps have the ruling changed by appealing to vote."

Yaeki – "If matters go from bad to worse, we have a strong backer, namely, the Jap. Ambassador."

"This (having money, etc) perhaps changed the attitude of the N's to some extent and this also caused them to act like play-boys.... It is for this reason that we the J's should fight to run this city in the smoothest manner possible."

Sakurai "I feel that we should not hesitate..... We have.... great work to do.... I believe that it is here that we should take a firm stand and call the Jap. Ambassador here to iron out the difficulties which have arisen due to the WRA doings..... As human we cannot accept this injustice....

Hayashi – "It was our main purpose to fill in the gap which the N's have + back them up in every manner possible."

Yaeki – few expressing views – much support.

PTCC —

Takamura — (N) — "There shd be no line of demarcation between the I's + N's since we are all living under the same conditions in this camp + that we have all thrown here against our wishes. We are eating in the same dining halls, sharing the same living quarters and working to make this place a happier place to live in, in spite of the various obstacles placed in our path."

B.T.C.C.

Shikama —

Our N are gradually coming to the front & I am happy about it. The parents have had the desire to make them good American citizens. & therefore, we are greatly concerned about them. How can we be most helpful to the N. We want to work together. We know the conditions are bad so we want to make it pleasant....

We don't want to butt in .... If we don't have equal rts, then there may be instances where we may not be able to work together. I hope the N will understand how much we I are thinking & worrying about them.

(N.B. — Interpreted speech to N & Adm)

P. T.G.C.

Forgotten — Is it necessary for your people to have nothing
further with the R.R.? If we have any
affection for the 2nd year, we shd have decided this
? Very urgent. Tuesday 9 1st year is not to be
the R but to talk matters over together.

P.I.C.U.

Dr Wakiri –

How can we go thru this difficult situation in our problem. There are many difficult situations. If S + R make separate reports, how can we progress? Let me tell you, there is a report about a N attorney + a doctor being beaten up:

JGE — Outline opinion to J. II

JRA — TCC II

"Since the Miss. reps were elected by both the I & N, they might feel that they want the N's to vote for them also, so that we are like one race."

"Trouble" with elections in bad Counties in II

N.B. Commit Cte appeared in II & I
Structure chapter

P TCC —

Hope — WRA regulations — no choice
for distribution in agri & industry

Ruling not fair.

(NB — Collier & MacCardell
elect)

Crawford —
The N's shd impress their position that they are the
ones who are going to re-enter the civilization
which they had left behind.

~~Yoyer~~ Frakai, Joe

9/9/42 I was only vote because designated

Shig Inamura 9/21/42 S.J.

Kimball ordered C & B, Galveston, etc

I saw plan (Nutani)

C P B – 4 to block at first

then 8

C & B will be good

I see they've just kicks, can go back to block + say we're not

Arguments

9/30 — Com. Net 2 18-19
Led to believe whole project on corp. basis, agri, etc
Com Net + no profits to city. People going out
? assume of profit
Have to look elsewhere for basis policy.

10/7 — If no hope of making money, why bother about
efficiency

10/14 — Preach socialism — w. Cotton

R. Sahai

9/9/42 – Only I vote for DAB
| I veri from each block + an alternate + vol for general

Could dept. heads be elected?

Ray Ovid
9/30/42 — Anger at "sabotage" on Cover Net

Romma –

10/7 – no responsibility for labor for Com. Ret

10/14 – leave TF up to admin

Ishimura

9/9/42 Inei sticks out under the council
"Let me be the law in setting up this thing (IAB)"
Inei in depts pretty "okay"

9/16/42 Inei & Kiki get along well at warehouse
"pitched around" - the council

10/7 careful limiting of evacuating issue
"We are already on the black list already" re Cope

11/4 IAB advises plans, concerned about

Katow -

9/30 - Left year's budget to Congress on Com. Act
Thereby don't look here
2 mos ago clear, now all changed

10/14 - Calls attention to outside opinion on action

10/21 - Don't need to put good books suspicion

10/28 - against 1 vote on Corp. Counsel figures
argues against motion

11/4 - Council shd decide function of Dept
Have been lax in not giving opinion etc

Sacto

9/9/42 ad over 18 vote for IAB

9/30 – Hard work Cam Dist

10/14 – Doubts if outside opinion will be any better
if do pick victor

10/14 – Only provision from adm. (11 schools)
No cooperation from adm
"Stick out neck for kids"

Kunter

1/21 — Threat doesn't work. re Cam. Det

Kuwahara

Com. Net L 20

9/30 – "Force blind us". M.P.'s

10/7 – Don't need Cane. foremen

10/16 – Praise I Illumina

1/18 – Cause of trouble = didn't give us any authority

1/21 – No vote on Com Net.
1 group wanted money
1 group Moved on spiritual grounds

amano

9/9/42 Only issue for DAD (ACTH)

9/30 No inventions, see Com Rect

10/7 Japan have lost a lot in Java.
Inventions most important thing

10/14 Not trying to get workers, just patent project. see Rect

10/16 Displacement out + brackets + allowals were not finished
Take Com Rect back to block

Ogawa

9/4/42 – Give Issei choice of 2 proposals on JAB reps

9/23 – Joke about being run out of Camp
"I'm on the list myself!"
Elected to trial board

10/14 – We're not policemen. re Cotton

Why don't they import more people from Calif. to pick cotton. We got our problems.

11/11/42 – People think Adm responsible for schools + housing, not themselves

The History of Self-Government in Boston

The main themes which I should follow in tracing the history of this development are somewhat as follows.

I. The development of WRA thought and policy on govt.
- Early pronouncements
- First action in Boston --- Kimball and CPB
- WRA June 12 order ---Temp. Cty Govt.
  - Plans and Actions
- The Handbook for Perm. Govt in centers
  - Knier and Provinse and Glick
- The Gila Petition and Provinse's Reply

II. Personalities and Local Policy in Boston (Cauc)
- Early Attitudes by adm. to WRA
- WH, JE, and MB and TW
  - Personalities
  - Conceptions of govt.
- Boston policies on govt.
  - The CPB as conceived in Boston
  - The Temporary Govt.
  - The Perm. Govt
- Role permitted to issei in Boston by adm.
- Roles of Cauc. in govt.

ccc

III. The History of the Nisei Temporary Council
- Beginnings, election, officers
- Personalities - Dr I, Nom, etc — JACL etc.
- Sequence of actions
- General functions assumed — Relation to Bm's
- Reception by administration and effects of council on Boston policies, etc.
- Dissolution of the council

IV. The development of issei power
- Background of issei attitudes
  - Pre-evacuation, evacuation, relocation
- Issei attitudes
  - Issei and the project organization — Fin fund long
  - The cooperative movement — Block councils
  - The pre-temporary council in Camp II
- The issei advisory board
  - Attitudes
  - Actions
- The general strike
  - Origins
  - Organization
- The central executive committee, the Honor Court, and the Labor Relations Board + Their Meaning to Issei
  - Reception By Administration. WH & NF

V. Conclusion ---- The political relations of first and second generation Japanese

9/15/42

Subject: Block Council - Blk. 14

1. The block council was organized June 30, 1942 by the Blk. mgr.
One rack was selected from the barracks and two from the mess dormitory - 11 issei and 3 nisei block councilmen. Block 14 has more issei than nisei. There are few adult nisei over 30 yrs. of age who give any information on the various problems involved, such as
1. improving the block
2 welfare
3 victory gardens etc.
Most nisei are working outside of the block

Activities -
1. Block parties and guest parties -
The Blk council has been informed that there were not enough social activities in which

to acquaint the younger people, so it was discussed that more social program be given to unit the friendship of people living in other blocks

2. Block council meet every Friday morning At this meeting, the municipal council-man reports on the new regulations that has been formed in the camp policy, the kind of work he is doing to improve the welfare of the people. He holds office in the Blk. mgrs' office everyday from 5-6 P.m. to answer any question that comes up concerning the camp project.

9/18/42

Block 44 Council

The Block Council of this blk 44 was not formed until 1½ mo. of living & getting used to the change of environments, the ways of eating, sleeping in apartments with different families and above all, the change in climate. After the daily strength report came into effect, the residents wanted to have the Blk. council formed, so that the councilmen in each respective barracks take the responsibility of checking the ~~th~~ people. There are 9 issei and 3 nisei councilmen appointed. ~~The~~ 2 advisors were chosen, one from the west side of the blk. and one from the east side. One advisor was chosen to act as chairman at all general & council meetings

Activities

1. Ironing out all kitchen troubles
2. Vegetable planting.
   a. The block residents absolutely had no interest in planting gardens because of the heat, so the Blk. mgr & gardener went ahead and started small patches of garden within the blk, which later created interest ~~& set~~ among the

residences, now most of the people are planting their own gardens.

There were much discussion concerning the mosquitoes which are much in evidence now

Nomura, Seiichi
No other names
Poston 45-8-E 5/29/42
No assembly center
607 S. Lorena St. L.A.
Father--Yujiro Nomura Japan
Ai Kashiwano "
Father's occ--- farmer farmer
Wife---- Mitsuko Nomura 45-8-B
Educ.---- Union, Hilo, T.H. 9/03-6/11
" " " 9/11-6/13
So. Western, L.A. 9/27-6/31
Law LLB
Japan --- 12/27-6/28
U.S.A. Infantry 1/18-/19
No public assistance
no Pension
No physical defects 71" 175 lbs
23097-a 23097
Male, Japanese, married, head of family
Born--- 7/28/95 46 yrs Hilo, Hawaii
No alien registr.
4 yrs. college
Speaks, reads, and writes Eng. and Japanese
Interpreter
Drill press operator
12/41-5/42 unemployed
2/22-12/41 Interpreter $250 per month
Hobby golf
Buddhist
Attended Japanese school in Hawaii 9½ yrs.
Disabled war veteran receives compensation from govt.

Yahiro, Sadajiro James
No other names
Poston--- 37-10-D 5/17/42
No assembly center
P.O. Box 31 Stanton, California
Parents: Yahiro, Yahichi ---Japan
Tanikawa, Iwa --- "
Father's occupation ------
Person to notify in case of emrgency--
Wife--- Yahiro, Yukiye --- 37-10-D
Education---- Royal, Hawaii 6/09 ---9/13

Fullerton High, Calif. 9/15--6/17
Woodbury, Calif.--Bus. school --- 1/18--2/19
Degrees, educational specializations, honors, and significant at
---- Law, language, mathematics, Bookkeeping
Residence outside U.S. ---- Mexico 1/19-4/20

No military service

No public assistance
No pension
63" 178 lbs
No physical defects
24113-a
Family no. 24113
Male, Japanese, married, head of family
Born---3/27/02 Age 40
Honokaa, Hawaii
No alien registration
School--finished 4 yrs high
Speaks, reads, and writes-- English and Japanese
Salesman
2/36 ---5/42 Tomato and canteloupe produce
Fullerton, Cal. Buyer-salesman
2/27---2/36 Strawberry, tomato, celery
Produce market, L.A. salesman
Skills and hobbies--- Carpenter, reading
Occup preferred---Tomato cannery
Buddhist
Add. Info. -- skipped grade in grammar school

6/18/42