

DIARY OF THE COMMITTEE

(February 1 - 29, 1944 inclusive)

February 1, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Block 49 incident reported. Investigation committee dispatched.
- 9:00 a.m. - Police consulted on their record (Block 49 incident).
- 10:00 a.m. - Blocks 9 and 29 mess problems investigated.
- 11:00 a.m. - 19 persons interviewed (fielders); assigned.
- 9:00 p.m. - Advisory Council and Committee meeting.
- 3:00 p.m. - Problems of Ward 7; blocks 66, 69, and 70 reported. Fielders 11 and 14 dispatched.
- 4:00 p.m. - Committee meeting held.
- 5:00 p.m. - Memo sent: Preparation for general election to replace this Committee. Receipt of Red Cross gifts.

Since Ward 6, as a whole, has been the problem for the Committee, it was feared that Block 49 incident might serve to flare up and the whole center may be involved. Committee mobilized all fielders in order to gather all informations in details.

At nightfall, B. Akitsuki contacted J. Motoshiro, a Hawaiian youth and leader of that block, and solicited his assistance for local solution to the existing problem.

February 2, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Memo sent to Advisory Council in regard to: 49 Incident; Recommendation for Police Commissioners; and Expansion of Park acreage.
- 9:00 a.m. - Mess 9, 29, 66, and 69 problems discussed with Mess Management supervisors, Fukushima and Surooka.
- 10:00 a.m. - Block 49 janitors Matsuka, Utsunomiya, Miyaka called. Requested Committee for immediate solution of problem.

Two Committeemen absent today.

February 3, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Tamura, Sakaki, and Hashimoto (all block 28) called; why A.I. visited their apartment (2219 - 4).
- 8:00 p.m. - Committee meeting (decision). "No personal feeling should be added for the Committee work."
- 4:00 p.m. - Reported trouble in Blocks 11, 20.

Trouble in Ward 6 reported. Block unknown.

February 4, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Three fielders dispatched in Ward 6.
- 2:00 p.m. - Memo: Hospitalization of N. Teishi. Advisory Council meeting. Messrs. Glick and Lefler were present.
- 5:00 p.m. - Fielders - Blocks 52 and 49 'General arrest'.

Committee members: Baydo and Okamoto absent. B-9, B-10, K-2, investigated Block 52. No definite report made up to 10:30 p.m.

February 5, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Housing Unit meeting (704-B). Use of CGO camp for stockade instead of new barracks recommended.
- 10:00 a.m. - Special meeting of Police Commissioners at the Chief of Police office.
- 11:00 a.m. - Block 56 problem. Meeting: Housing unit committee attended.
- 2:00 p.m. - Memo: Block 56 prepared. Reinstatement of 3 janitors (Blk. 49). Release of A. Abe.
- 3:00 p.m. - Interviewed stockade internees, Shimizu and Kozuma.
- 4:00 p.m. - B-9 reported. In Block 53, 54, 27, 67, trouble makers are busily plotting to overthrow committee.
- 5:00 p.m. - Abe released (Block 29). Teishi hospitalized.

Committee went to Block 54 upon the reports made by B-9; it was felt more advisable to work in Blocks 27 and 28. Called on Waydo.

February 6, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Instructed three fielders to work in Wards 2 and 7.
- 3:00 p.m. - Fielder B-10 reported Jerome's plot to control Farm.

K-3 reported: Possibility of obtaining signed papers. However, some troubles must be anticipated. B-2 was recommended for the undertaking since he has "sake" friends and "can take it".

February 7, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Committee meeting: Release of Rev. Mohri. Aizo Takahashi recommended for Advisor.
- 2:00 p.m. - Aizo Takahashi called.
- 5:00 p.m. - K-3: "Block 67 is the Hdqtr. of the pressure group"; Shimomishi named.

Committee decided to contact every fielder for instruction; verbal notices sent.

February 8, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Advisory Council meeting: Mr. Utz from Washington D. C. arrived.
- 2:00 p.m. - Committee meeting.
- 4:00 p.m. - Block 43 delegates called for the Committee's help for the solution of the Block problem.

February 9, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Troubles in Mess 29, 3, 69; Mess Management consulted.
- 11:00 a.m. - Fukushima (Mess Mgmt.) called. "Mess problems one of the big issues", he stated.
- 1:00 p.m. - Red Cross gifts (soy sauce, miso, drugs) arrived. Distribution made.

- 2:00 p.m. - Committee meeting.
- 3:00 p.m. - Miho and Kawamura conferred with Committee. Re: Farm Supervisor recommendation followed.

February 10, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Mess 9 problem. Committee decided not to involve in Mess problem hereafter.
- 2:00 p.m. - Mr. Aizo Takahashi called.
- 5:00 p.m. - Committee meeting. Haydo, Nakuo, Okamoto excused early.

Reported: Fujioke (Block 27), Tamura (Block 28), Hirano (Block 26), Uji (Block 53), Tanisaka (Block 49), Shitanishi (Block 49), Shimonishi (Block 67), Masuda (Block 20 involved in an organized 'plot' - obtaining signatures of colonists under pretense of priority on the Exchange Boat; release of everyone in the stockade; to discredit Co-ordinating Committee by propaganda.

February 11, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Committee meeting. Farm Chief and Supervisors recommended.
- 3:00 p.m. - Kawamura was asked to contact absent committee members - Haydo and Okamoto.
- 5:00 p.m. - Committee meeting. 'New instructions to all Fielders'.

Reports of the Fielders were not satisfactory. Shake-up of Fielders suggested; Haydo objected for no reason it seemed.

February 12, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Committee meeting. Disposition of ashes.
- 2:00 p.m. - Block managers, Committee, and Medical staff - joint meeting; Disposition of ashes and blood donors wanted.
- 3:00 p.m. - Regular meeting of the Divisional responsible men.
- 4:00 p.m. - Shimizu and Inouye released.

February 13, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Unemployment complained by four Jeronites.
- 3:00 p.m. - Three Committee met. Immediate plan for unification of Committee discussed.
- 5:00 p.m. - Shimizu called to thank Committee for his release.

February 14, 1944

- 2:00 p.m. - Farm group's meeting at 620. Committee attended.
- 3:00 p.m. - Housing unit and Community Activities meeting. Welcome Manzanites, Housing problem discussed.

February 15, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Petition for Block 9 detainee's release. Block 56 petition for Shikazawa.

February 15, 1944 (cont'd)

- 10:00 a.m. - Dr. Opler and MacNeil met Committee. Re: Iwao Uchi - suggestion.
- 12:00 p.m. - Harada - 49. Block 49 janitor problem.
- 1:00 p.m. - Letter from Spanish Consul. Reunion of Internee and his family. Phoned by Mr. Best.
- 2:00 p.m. - Co-op's request for letter of confidence. Re: By-Laws. Committee meeting held. Memo to Administration. Garage employees meet Robertson.
- 3:00 p.m. - Blocks 66, 67, 69, nine representatives called. Re: Mess problems. Mrs. Kawai called - transfer.
- 4:00 p.m. - Mr. Nakamura, Police Commissioner, interviewed all colonial police.
- 5:00 p.m. - Memo to Mr. Best. Re: Aizo Takahashi.

Nothing particular happened. As a whole the Committee's work is confined to personal matters.

Recommended Aizo Takahashi as Advisor to this Committee; referred to the Advisory Council for approval.

February 16, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Block 7 complained: Army patrol entered the women's latrine. Memo sent to Col Austin and Mr. Best. Typist, Shigeo Konishi assigned.
- 9:00 a.m. - Blocks 66 and 69 residents requested for possible transfer.
- 10:00 a.m. - Shoyu arrived. Quantity not yet known.
- 11:00 a.m. - New pick-up truck requested.
- 1:00 p.m. - Gifts unloaded. 510 cases Soy sauce, 30 bean paste and 5 drugs.
- 2:00 p.m. - Memo to Advisory Council sent. Re: Aizo Takahashi. Future plan of Committee. #7 block complaint. Memo sent to Mr. Pagan. Re: passes.
- 4:00 p.m. - Committee interviewed Inouye and Shimizu who were released on February 12, 1944.
- 5:00 p.m. - Gifts distributed.

February 17, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Complaints on the Red Cross gifts made by Blocks 21, 52, 56, and 69.
- 9:00 a.m. - Memo prepared to each Block Manager. Re: Gifts distribution.
- 10:00 a.m. - #10 Fielder reported unrest among Coal crew.
- 11:00 a.m. - Aizo Takahashi, S. Nomura called. Re: Shimizu and Inouye.
- 1:00 p.m. - #8 Fielder reported, 49 still having trouble.
- 2:00 p.m. - "Welcome Manzanites" prepared.
- 3:00 p.m. - Father Hunt called. Request for introduction to Mr. Failing.

4:00 p.m. - Huycke, MacNeil, Opler called. Re: Uji, Matsuda, Sasaki, Inouye, Mohri and Shimizu.

Committee talked with Inouye, Mohri and Shimizu until 6:45 p.m. Since they are working for this Committee, it was decided to employ Shimizu as Advisor and translator.

February 18, 1944

9:00 a.m. - 125 cases of Tea arrived.  
10:00 a.m. - Temporary pass for the messengers requested to Mr. Schmidt.  
11:00 a.m. - Committee meeting. Advisory Council member's action resented by some Committee. Prepared memo.  
1:00 p.m. - Advisory Council and Committee meeting. Welcome program for the Manzanites.  
5:00 p.m. - Committee resented. "Limit of patience on the part of the Advisory Council" hinted by Huycke in an analogous statement.

Committee went to Ward 6 to gather the fielders' reports. Nothing new. Coal crew situation favorable, it was reported.

February 19, 1944

9:00 a.m. - Lt. Forbes called. Translation of letters addressed to Lt. Col. Austin and Lt. Shaner requested.  
10:00 a.m. - Block 49 representatives called. Re: Block problem (janitors). Mr. Marshall of Motor Pool called and arranged meeting, February 22.  
11:00 a.m. - Dr. Opler called. Translation of Mr. Best's letter requested.  
12:00 a.m. - (Committee) Shimada and Civic Organization supervisor, B. Mayeda went to Block 49.  
2:00 p.m. - Committee meeting: Mr. Takahashi and Shimizu attended.  
3:00 p.m. - Mr. Shirai (Blk. 73 Block Manager) joined meeting.

February 20, 1944

11:00 a.m. - (Committee) Okamoto checked all Block residents prior to Red Cross gift distribution.  
1:00 p.m. - Committee meeting. Re: Block 49 and 69.  
4:00 p.m. - Checked activities of all but 5 Fielders.

February 21, 1944

8:00 a.m. - Morita, Colonial Police, called. Re: Tamura - Block 28.  
9:00 a.m. - Curfew law revoked, to be effective immediately.  
10:00 a.m. - Block 66 representative called. Re: Mess problem.  
11:00 a.m. - Block 74 representative. Re: Library.  
12:00 p.m. - Janitor foreman, Sakuma, reported reduction of one janitor of each block. Re: to Mr. Best.  
1:00 p.m. - Block 69 reported trouble brewing over distribution of gifts. Police notified.

- 2:00 p.m. - Pay checks for January 1944, delivered.  
3:00 p.m. - Termination notice for Yasuda, Katsumi (fielder), effective Feb. 29, 1944. Block 49 detainees (3) recommended for release.  
4:00 p.m. - Block 45 incident reported. 9 internees from Granada arrived; 5 refused admittance to Center, reported fielder.

Block 45 investigated by Committee. Report by fielder that letter "R" marked in several apartments in Ward 3, and investigation followed.

February 22, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Shimokon, Assistant Chief of Police, called. Re: Block 45. incident (Takato - Naito).  
10:00 a.m. - Ex-employees of Motor Pool's meeting. Marshall of Motor Pool absent.  
11:00 a.m. - Recommendation by this body: Fred and Larry, former heads, be reinstated. Withhold the new assignment.  
12:00 p.m. - Reported: Manzana group will arrive around 3 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. - Block Manager's meeting; Ward chairman. Re: Spanish Consul's letter.  
3:00 p.m. - Shimokon phoned. Re: "R" on the doors of Ward 3 apartment. Dispatched fielders 13 - 10 for investigation.

546 Manzanaites arrived. All Committee went to welcome. Fire built in each apartment was appreciated by newcomers.

Ward 3 investigated by the Committee. Re: Letter "R". B-9: "In Block 20 - rumor - curfew was lifted due to the stiff protest by the Japanese Government; revocation of Proclamation #2 known before".

February 23, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Block 66 representatives, Sakaki, Nakamura and Sato, called. Re: Mess.  
10:00 a.m. - B-10 reported: "R" marked by Rocky Shimpo delivery boy. Matter withdrawn.  
2:00 p.m. - Nakano, Fujino, Mitsutome, Higaki, Okamoto and Kawai received from Hayaka, pay for January.

B-2 and B-3 reported that the rumor probably originated in Block 20. Committee called Rev. Mehri of Block 20 with one Masui in mind; instructed K-5 for investigation.

February 24, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Block 49 janitors called to thank the Committee. Janitors resumed work.
- 9:00 a.m. - Janitor foremen's meeting held.
- 10:00 a.m. - Request memo sent to Mr. Best and the Army. Statement to explain the curfew to clarify February 22 report.
- 11:00 a.m. - Mr. Shimizu called. Working very hard for our cause.
- 2:00 p.m. - Committee meeting. Mr. Takahashi also present.
- 3:00 p.m. - Memo prepared to Mr. Failing. Protested for his blasphemous statement on February 22, 1944.
- 4:00 p.m. - Life photographer Mydans, Huycke and Mr. Markley called. Re: Taking pictures. Farm group called.

Manzanar group thanked the Committee for its thoughtful arrangement for their comfort.

Condition of Block 54 improved noticeably.

February 25, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Advisory Council meeting. Life photographer Carl Mydans and Takahashi formally introduced to the Council and Project Director.
- 1:00 p.m. - Committee regretted Advisor Takahashi's outline as to the way it was presented. Committee decided to pursue original plan, i.e. employment plan first.
- 2:00 p.m. - Terada, Block manger of 49, called to thank the Committee for his release.
- 3:00 p.m. - Janitor foreman (Ward 7) called. Re: Janitor problem. Condition of that Ward related.
- 4:00 p.m. - Shimokon called. Reported that 92 colonial police enrolled.

The rumors prevailing in Ward 7 that the Co-ordinating Committee is responsible for the following: stopped releasement of detainees; curtailment of employment opportunities in Farm, Motor Pool, Co-op, and Maintenance (janitors).

February 26, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Office staff - members meeting. Daily instruction.
- 10:00 a.m. - Co-op publication Director called. Re: Dissemination of proper information. Re: Farm, employment.
- 11:00 a.m. - Rec. Dept. requested for special consideration for the maintenance of law and order during performances on 27th and 28th. Arrangements made.
- 12:00 p.m. - Committee meeting. Outline of Buddhism sent to O'Brien of Internal Security.
- 1:00 p.m. - Divisional responsible men meeting.

Get-together party held at 1620. Project Director, Colonel Austin, and other Administrative personnel attended.

February 27, 1944

- 11:00 a.m. - Janitor Foremen called. Re: Termination of one janitor in each block.
- 3:00 p.m. - Reported: Unfair distribution of food stuff in new area complained by the residents of Wards 6 and 7.
- 5:00 p.m. - Mess Management contacted. No partial favor in food distribution to the new area ascertained.

Committee contacted Ward 7 (Blocks 70 and 71) with regard to the complaints made on food stuff. Impartiality stressed but they were not convinced, however.

Mr. Shimizu and Mr. Inouye's efforts appreciated, on behalf of the Committee. (10:30 p.m. in Ward 7).

February 28, 1944

- 9 :00 a.m. - Mr. Shimizu called. Assured the Committee that as far as he knows, there will be no organized trouble.
- 10:00 a.m. - Committee meeting. Takahashi, Shimada, Okamoto, Nakao, and Akitsuki attended. Decided to interview detainees.
- 11:00 a.m. - Information with regard to Sakazaki (block 56) requested by the Internal Security (Mr. Sandborne).
- 12:00 p.m. - Shimokon called.
- 1:00 p.m. - Arrangement made for Mr. Best, Colonel, and the Committee meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. - Memo sent to Mr. Best and Colonel Austin.
- 3:00 p.m. - Interview with the detained internees held in Rec. Hall. 14 detainees came.

A very satisfactory interview with the detainees made, as it clarified Mr. Shimizu's standing to the detainees.

February 29, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Janitor Foremen called. Re: reduction in force.

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