

# EXTRA

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SUPPLEMENT

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### POLICE STAFF RESIGNS; BEST ASKS FOR REORGANIZATION POLICE SELECTION BY BLOCK BASIS

The entire staff of the Colonial Police resigned in a body Wednesday (July 19) at midnight, it was announced today. The reason was reported to be lack of cooperation received from the center residents.

Project Director Raymond R. Best immediately asked the residents in each block to select two representatives to serve their own blocks on a new community police organization. Best sent a memorandum to the Civic Organization and to block managers asking block managers to call meetings to explain the reorganization of the colonial police.

"It is intended that each colony policeman to be selected will have the primary responsibility of doing the police work within the block from which he is selected or at least within the ward in which he resides," Best stated in his memorandum.

"Those persons selected by the blocks will be accepted by the Administration without question and will be assigned to the colony police force. Their work orders will be processed through the Placement office and they will become employees paid by the Administration at the regular classified wage rates."

He requested that the names, addresses and identification numbers of persons selected within each block be referred to the Civic Organization office not later than 4 p.m. Monday (July 24).

Since the resignation of Chief Minekichi Shimokon and Assistant Chief Dan Aoyama after the fatal stabbing of Yaozo Hitomi on July 2, the staff of the Colonial Police had dwindled from 115 men to 72 at the time they resigned. Shimokon and Aoyama resigned after anonymous threats were made against them. Other members of the Colonial Police were threatened and insulted although the Colonial Police has taken no part in the murder investigation.

"Every community has its own police staff to maintain peace and order," Best stated. "This community is now without its own police due to the attitude of the residents and through no fault of WRA. I hope the Colonial Police will soon again provide a valuable service to the community."

# 鶴嶺湖新報特報

## 警察署員の総辞職

### ベスト所長覚書を発し

### 再組織方を所民に訴ふ

管理部発表に依れば、全日本人警察署員は所民の協力なき限り、どの理由の基に、去る七月十九日(水)総辞職し警察署を解散したと。

ベスト所長は各區より二名の代表者を選出し、新警察署を組織する様、市政部に覚書を送し、區支配人に各區に區会議を開催し、日本人警察署の組織方の幹旋を計った。覚書の概要は左の如し。

「各區に於て選出された巡查は、選出された區、或は所屬ウストに駐在するに止まるものである。尚管理部では區民に依り選出された者は無條件で日本人警察署員として雇傭し、職業部より就働令を発行し、W.R.A.規定の給料が支拂はれるものである。此の選挙に當つてベスト所長は、各區で選

出された者の姓名、住所、及びアイ・デー・番号を七月廿四日(月)午後四時迄に市政部に提出する様要請して居る。

「人見八百藏氏殺害事件後、下付署長、青山副署長及四十一名の署員が辞職した。之等の人は日本警察署が人見事件の調査に関與しなかつたにも拘らず、強迫及凌辱を受け、辞職したものである。

「ベスト所長は最後に如何なる社会に於ても其治安秩序を保持する為、社会自身の警察員を有するもので、当社会に於てはW.R.A.の過失に悖るものでなく、所民の態度に依り現在日本人警察員が皆無となつたが、所民が、所民自身の治安福祉の爲、直ちに警察を組織する事を要望すると述べた。

## 警察署の聲明

日本人警察署では解散するに當つて左の聲明書を發表した。

### 【告】

過日未各食堂に掲示されたる聲明書に依つて既に一般周知の如き情況下にありし、我がコロニアル警察署も再三の集會に依り熱意協議の結果、其の善後策に就き市政局を通じて直接所民の協力を乞はんとせしにも拘ら

ず圖らずも当局の協賛を得る事能はず、須らく現在残存せる署員を以て直接所民に訴へ其支持協力を乞ひ然る後、署内の再組織を行ひ從來通りコロニアル警察の存続を圖る可く努力せよとの指令に接す。斯くて更に署員の總會を開き、各自協議の上其の進退を決するの止むなきに至れり。

該席上種々討議の末、最後に裁決すべく無記名投票を行ひし結果、多数決を以て署員連袂総辞職を決定するに至れり。

茲にコロニアル警察署解散の止むなきに至れる経過の概略を記し一紙所民に通告するものなり。

昭和十九年七月十九日

コロニアル

警察署