

RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION

Steps in Organization

- I. Define clearly the goals;
 - II. Establish policies and operating principles
 - III. Determine facts; sources of information
 - IV. Set up machinery and processes streamlined and simplified
 - V. Enlist all the cooperation obtainable.
- I. Objectives (Goals)
 - A. Enlist responsibility of evacuees to help develop evacuee opinion favorable to relocation, at least stimulate thinking along this line.
 - B. Integration of planning and programs of outside relocation offers.
 - C. Collection and dissemination of relative information pertinent to personal adjustments necessitated by relocation.
 - D. Organization and coordination of functional relocation planning commission made up of evacuees.
 - E. Securing assistance from evacuees already resettled.
 - F. Channel efforts of voluntary organizations--i.e., churches, social agencies, family institutions, etc., to a centralized group within the Center for coordination with project relocation planning.
 - G. Development of group and family relocation.
 - H. Coordination and development of hostels and other temporary residence facilities as relocation aids.
 - I. Make reports, surveys on relocation problems, and organize study groups for discussions on the findings.
 - J. Study to produce helpful changes in relocation machinery and policy.
 - K. Make possible Center-wide cooperation between both appointed personnel and evacuees.
 - L. Locate questions and problems of evacuees considering relocation or which hinder their considering relocation.
 - M. Sufficient counseling service to those interested in relocating.
 - II. Establish policies and operating principles
 - A. Relocation Planning Commission will strive to initiate, stimulate, and develop thinking of evacuees on relocation and make constructive criticism that will aid relocation planning.
 - B. The Commission will provide cross sections of thinking on problems pertinent to relocation.
 - C. The Commission will coordinate and cooperate with the WRA staff to achieve its goals.
 - D. The Commission will render every possible interest to those interested in relocation and will strive its fullest concentration of effort in this direction.

- E. The major functions of the Commission are service functions, and its efforts should be channeled to this end. It should be clearly understood as a matter of policy that the Commission is not a routinized work group which will assume functions of project groups and activities in order to relieve them of function responsibilities in the relocation processes but rather will present a comprehensive perceptions on pertinent problems that are obstacles to resettlement of evacuees. It will present at all times not only constructive criticism but alternative ways and means through which inclusive plans for relocation might be possible for evacuees.

III. Determine facts; sources of information

- A. Correspondence and materials from relocation officers on the outside.
- B. Correspondence and materials from voluntary organizations--i.e., local resettlement committee, churches, YMCA, YWCA, etc.
- C. Letters from relocatees.
- D. Literature from other governmental agencies.
- E. Research projects of the Community Analyst Section.
- F. First-hand contact with the evacuees.
- G. First-hand contact with individuals representing organizations that participate in resettlement work.
- H. All materials through the War Relocation Authority.

IV. Set up machinery and processes streamlined and simplified

- A. Solving obstacles that hinder relocation from both project and national levels.
- B. Expediting leave for those who wish to relocate.
- C. Giving relocatees priority in handling--i.e., freight, storage, transportation, leave clearance, etc.
- D. Streamline leave procedure.
- E. Make possible letters of introduction to various contacts on the outside for relocatees who desire these contacts--i.e., employment, personal adjustment, community integration, housing, etc.

V. Enlist all the cooperation obtainable

- A. Unity in action within the Relocation Division, hence, preventing duplication of efforts--i.e., leave clearance, housing, property clearance, etc.
- B. At all times be open for criticism, channel complaints, and grievances to the right parties.
- C. Avail within the organization all materials pertinent to relocation from both the project and national levels.
- D. Render assistance wherever relocation is the major emphasis.
- E. Educate individuals who are interested in the resettlement program by disseminating to them pertinent public relations material on the resettlement program of the WRA and aiding voluntary organizations and individuals.

- F. Encourage cooperation by suggesting specific things to be done either to evacuees within the projects, WRA, both national and project levels and to those who are interested in the resettlement program.
- G. Know what has been accomplished by groups participating with the WRA in making possible community acceptance of relocatees.
- H. Encourage the participation of successfully integrated relocatee into local resettlement program.

RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION

I. Membership

- A. Representative of any organizations or groups interested in relocation and duly approved by the Community Council will be accepted as a qualified member of the Commission.

II. Policy

- A. This Commission does not intend to speak in behalf of the residents of the community but rather provide a cross section of opinion on material pertinent to relocation.
- B. The members of the Commission shall be always on the alert to observe and hear expressions of other evacuees on the matters that are obstacles to the relocation program. These shortcomings will be brought before the Commission for discussion and solving.
- C. All recommendations of the Commission shall be for the benefit of the evacuees in both purpose and intent so that the WRA resettlement program might be facilitated.
- D. Active evacuee participation and cooperation shall note the key word of the Commission, hence, making possible comprehensive relocation program planning by evacuees themselves.
- E. Any plans that involve the community shall be brought before the Community Council for final disposition.
- F. This Commission at all times will be ready to cooperate and coordinate work of voluntary organizations and individuals who are aiding and participating in the resettlement program on the outside.
- G. The Commission shall submit its recommendations to the Relocation Executive Board for action.

III. Meetings

- A. Meetings of the Commission shall be called whenever necessary by the chairman or executive secretary in order that the highest efficiency of the organization might be maintained.
- B. The Commission will plan to be of advantage to the residents in all public relation programs on the project level in order that the greatest good might be attained by both the residents and the sponsors of such a program.

IV. Function

- A. The Commission has included in its membership the entire resettlement and public relations committee of the Community Council in order that the Community Council might be kept up-to-date on the activities of the Commission.

- B. The Commission attempts to focus attention on all matters pertinent to the future planning of the evacuees at large.
- C. The ultimate hope or desire of the Commission is to stimulate thinking upon future planning and eventual relocation of evacuees.

V. Public relations

- A. The Commission will attempt to develop favorable public relations on both the project and national levels.
- B. Problems pertinent toward favorable public relations will be pursued to a successful conclusion.
- C. An intensified education program will be launched in order that evacuees themselves might have the background necessary to understand the activities of outside organizations and individuals.
- D. Clarification of all matters of doubt will be one of the work of the Commission.
- E. Cooperation, confidence, and good will are some of the elements that are necessary for the mutual success of the WRA program, and in this direction the Commission will take.

VI. Accomplishments of the Relocation Division, WRA, and the Relocation Planning Commission.

Heart Mountain Relocation Program.

- A. The Relocation Office was established by the end of July, 1943, with two counselors--one Issei and one Nisei--who were drafted one from the Block Managers' Council and the other from the Council of Block Chairmen. They, and a secretary constituted the working staff of the counseling service and information bureau on relocation in our Center to coordinate the activities of the project relocation program. A Nisei was drafted from the Community Activities Section who had a little organizational background to initiate this program. This staff accomplished the following:
 - 1. Translation into Japanese of leave clearance procedure, alien regulations, instructions to aliens upon leave, and other information pertinent to resettlement on the outside.
 - 2. Coordination of hostel program within the Center and centralizing application within the Relocation Office, as well as corresponding with the various recognized hostels.
 - 3. Communication with organizations that have been actively participating in the resettlement program--i.e., YMCA, YWCA, Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans, Protestant Church Commission for Japanese Service, etc.
 - 4. Contact with public relation groups--i.e., Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, churches of various denominations, etc.
 - 5. The office set up correspondence as official representatives of the Baptist, Brethrens, Friends, and Lutherans, whose organizations have been actively aiding the evacuees.
 - 6. Plans for project public relations such as translation into Japanese helpful hints and information for relocatees, relocation articles in the Sentinel, the usage of the Sentinel supplements for educational information, and a column in the project newspaper, Sentinel.

7. Building of case histories so that relocation becomes more intimate, and personal assistance is given to those interested and desirous of going out.
8. Expediting on project level jurisdictional problems to a successful conclusion so that relocation might be given a little consideration by both evacuees and appointed staff.
9. Furnish a deputation speakers bureau to eliminate shortcomings of relocation through misinformation.
10. Working with both the Community Council and the Council of Block Managers to facilitate matters pertinent to relocation.
11. Securing evacuee assistance to cooperate in every way possible so that matters that need immediate expedition might receive immediate attention and action.
12. Shortcomings of relocation were brought out and thoroughly discussed by discussion groups so that cross section of opinion of evacuees might be brought to light.
13. Discussion groups to stimulate thinking towards relocation were encouraged.
14. Leave procedure was simplified and steps mimeographed so that misunderstanding would be eliminated as much as possible.
15. Library of information was set up and organized.
16. Literatures and articles pertinent to relocation were publicized through the newspaper and speakers.
17. A project relocation committee was organized to organize a Center relocation program.

B. Relocation Guidance Committee

1. Towards the end of July a "Relocation Guidance Committee--consisting of Joe Carroll, chief of Employment Division; M. O. Anderson, chief of Community Management; Vaughn Meehan, Reports officer; Dr. Forrest LaViolette, Community Analyst; Harold Bottrell, Adult Education Supervisor; and Robert Y. Kodama, evacuee--met and discussed the proposed machinery of relocation for Heart Mountain.
2. Administrative Instruction No. 96 was introduced and discussed, and a guidance plan was set up. The most important feature of the guidance plan was the organization of a Center-wide "Project Relocation Advisory Committee," made up of evacuee residents of the Center. Through discussions and surveys of this committee, plans and suggestions worked out by the committee would be sent to Washington for consideration. Also, these same plans and suggestions would be discussed throughout the various groups in the blocks of the Center. Hence, Center-wide discussions to develop the relocation consciousness and attitude might be attained.
3. On July 31 a nucleus group made up of various evacuee leaders met with Dr. John Ebbree, Jr., Chief Community Analyst, and Thomas Bodino, Field Director of the National Student Relocation Council, to discuss the proposed plans of Heart Mountain relocation. The final outcome was a unanimous consensus of opinion that when segregation hearings and movements were finished, relocation program should be at once intensified. In the meantime, student relocation program should be concentrated upon.

C. Accomplishments of the Relocation Office (August to December 31, 1943)

1. Since the visit of Thomas Bodine, the Relocation Office has been channeling its efforts through Miss Virginia Lynn, assistant Project Student Relocation officer, to produce a student relocation handbook. After compilation by Miss Lynn, assembling by Mr. Harold Bottroll, and editing by Bill Hosokawa and Vaughn Mechau of the Reports Division, the handbook was finally published. We have attached a copy.
2. The Relocation Office has facilitated the indefinite leave clearance procedure. Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto, former counselor, went through the entire procedure as if she were actually leaving the Center for good. Through her experience a procedure was compiled. This procedure was typed, corrected, and sent around to various responsible people in the other sections of the WRA who played their part in the indefinite leave clearance for their signatures of okay or further correction. After additions and corrections were completed, the indefinite leave clearance procedure was mimeographed. This, of course, included a map of the administrative area so that relocatees would know where each place was located.
3. Four large blue-printed wall maps were then made and tacked up in the Block Managers' Office, Relocation Office, and Administration and Sentinel Buildings, so that they would be in clear view of everyone who might be interested. This map illustrated the leave clearance procedure in order.
4. An information counter was built in front of the counseling office so that time schedules of busses and railroads, as well as other information, might be given with the least amount of confusion.
5. A relocation library was established so that the materials sent in from the various area offices of the WRA might be filed, listed, and accommodated. In this way, information would be at the finger tips of the counselors for use.
6. Application forms for hostel accommodations were coordinated in the Relocation Office. All information pertaining to the American Friends Service Committee, Baptist, and Brethren hostels will be supplied by this office.
7. Letters were sent to the seven supervisorial WRA offices and area supervisors. They were asked to produce a more comprehensive and coordinated educational program for the Center people as well as the outside. They were also asked to obtain informative data and statistics pertinent to relocation, since materials in the Relocation Office were often incomplete.
8. Letters were sent to various voluntary organized groups on the outside, and they were encouraged to channel their efforts throughout the WRA field offices--i.e., Committee on Resettlement for Japanese Americans, Protestant Commission for Japanese Service, YMCA, YWCA, etc.
9. Two hundred names were selected from the indefinite leave file and presented to the Reports Section. Mr. Vaughn Mechan, Reports Officer, volunteered to carry this part of the correspondence program for the relocation work. He will find out how far relocatees from this Center have progressed in the areas they have resettled.
10. Translations into Japanese were made concerning indefinite leave clearance procedure and mimeographed for each Issei relocatee.
11. Translations into Japanese were made regarding necessary steps to be made by aliens as to changes of addresses. The steps were explained in detail with reasons so that regulations of the United States Department of Justice might not be violated by the alien relocatee.

12. Translations were made into Japanese concerning alien regulations put out by the Dept. of Justice. AP-AE-26. This regulation will be given to alien relocates when they receive the counseling service.
13. Baggage difficulties that became problems with the agents at the Heart Mt. railroad depot were solved by simplifying procedures and explaining to prospective relocatees the necessity of watching their own baggages until the baggages were actually put on the bus. Agents R. H. Mills and E. Brown were very cordial and cooperative.
14. Clarification regarding WRA freight rulings were made with the evacuee property officer. One and only one request for transportation from the government can be made by the evacuees. Also, more clear cut interpretations are necessary for various WRA regulations pertaining to freight. This has been discussed and liberalized since then.
15. Relocation posters that were designed by the Poster Dept. were distributed and posted by the voluntary help of Boy Scouts to all the mess halls, post offices, canteens, and the buildings in the Administrative area.
16. Materials that were found in file boxes, in table drawers, beneath the chimneys and elsewhere in the Administrative offices were collected, listed, and filed. These materials were pertinent to the relocation program.
17. Correspondence was carried on with various relocatees to find out how they have progressed and what they thought of the WRA program on the outside. Letters are still coming in at the time of this writing.
18. Letters of introduction were written for the relocatees who were interested to find better housing, employment, etc., to various organizations like the YMCA, YWCA, and local committees on resettlement. A complete list and addresses of both YMCA and the YWCA with residences and local committees on resettlement were compiled for the use of the counselors.
19. Relocation Office has placed itself on the mailing list of various government bureaus, voluntary groups on resettlement and churches.
 - a. Labor Monthly
 - b. Labor Market
 - c. Kansas City Newsletter
 - d. Relocation Bulletin
 - e. Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, etc.
20. Relocation Office received the cooperation from the Center library-- to have saved for the office--magazines, bulletins, newspapers, materials pertinent to the Center relocation program.
21. Community Activities' Technical Department was conferred with to promote the visual education on relocation sponsored by the Relocation Committee in Washington. Plans had been set up and were publicized in the Center newspaper and posters put in every mess halls.
22. Visual education films were at first previewed, discussed, and method of presentation made before presenting to the public at large by the adult education supervisor on relocation. This program was carried through September to December inclusive.
23. Project relocation program was discussed and received unanimous consent for support by the Council of Block Managers.
24. The support of the Council of Block Chairmen and the new Community Council were both unanimously given to the project relocation committee.

25. Various lists like the railroad coach and bus fares were corrected so that complaints from the evacuees would be minimized--i.e., grants of three dollars a day or one dollar per meal enroute to relocation destination, now being paid was a subject of heated arguments by prospective relocatees and the Leave Clearance Office. This list showed various discrepancies--such as 70 hours to Buffalo, New York, and nine meals, while New York was 50 hours and six meals. As far as the relocatees were concerned, this was a matter of dollar and cents to them. They didn't want to be "gyped." So, out of 69 key destination points, there were 30 corrections made on the lists.
26. Maps on important labor market areas were posted in front of the Relocation Office, thus, familiarizing the evacuees with manpower shortage areas.
27. Publicity campaign in the Sentinel and on bulletin boards in front of the Administrative Building were kept up-to-date. All matters pertaining to relocation that were most favorable were placed where the community at large could see. Relocation program of various field areas were kept up in the Sentinel. Full cooperation was given by the Sentinel staff and Reports Officer.
28. A central speakers' bureau for relocation deputation was not organized, but the chairman has gone to several adult meetings including a few block meetings, a current history class, and churches, and had given these groups an insight to the proposed project relocation program and the availability of services rendered by the Relocation Office.
29. Complaints of all nature from prospective relocatees are being taken by the counselors and corrected as soon as possible. Many of these complaints deal primarily with ignorance of regulations by the evacuee or simply with personality clashes between the relocatee and the appointed personal member resulting from jurisdictional difficulties. The office at present is doing very well to continue good will throughout the clearance procedure.
30. Many of the important problems are being taken down, discussed, and sent to various divisional heads for their opinion, thus, familiarizing them with the main problems met in the course of the relocation program. This same course of action is taken with individual evacuee leaders so that we might have their expression on the subject.
31. In October the Relocation Committee felt the necessity of calling a national evacuee conference for the purpose of crystallizing evacuee viewpoints with that of the WRA national staff on relocation so that understanding for mutual benefit might be attained. Much information might be exchanged between the evacuees and the WRA officials, as well as between evacuees themselves by focusing attention on mutual problems. Such a meeting would provide springboard for other plans to be formulated. In view of problems that would be brought up at such a gathering, WRA can set a course of action for the future. The idea in its entirety with its recommendations for an agenda were submitted to the Community Council to initiate since they represented the community at large.
32. Correspondence, wires, etc., were sent to other Centers to stimulate thinking and planning along this line of a national evacuee conference.
33. Meeting with Luther Hoffman, assistant chief relocation officer, was made by the Commission to discuss the pro and cons of such a national evacuee gathering.

34. An agenda for such a gathering was compiled during the month of November so that constructive measures might be contributed by the evacuees themselves at the conference as described in 32 & 33.
35. From the standpoint of public relations the Relocation Committee felt that the Tule Lake emergency necessitated the help of our Center and full cooperation was made individually by the members of the Commission. An appeal for such an understanding was made to the Issei block leaders at a special community enterprise meeting.
36. The Relocation Office staff had undergone several changes. The adult education supervisor on relocation position was already in its third cycle while the counselors were in their second cycle.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION
(January 11 to March 31, 1944, inclusive)

I. First official meeting of the Relocation Planning Commission was held on January 11, 1944, in the Guest Room of the Sentinel Building.

A. The following is the first nucleus body approved by the Community Council:

Dick Fujioka--YMCA-YWCA Coordinator
Mason Funabiki--Community Analyst
K. Hatchimonji--Farm Bloc
Nobu Kawai--Reports Officer
Rev. G. Masao Kubose--Community Buddhist Church
Rev. Donald Toriumi--Community Christian Church
Toshio Ota--Japanese Translator, Reports Section
Kunio Otani--Sentinel Reporter, Reports Section
Tomi Fujimura--Relocation Office
F. Iwasaki--Adult Education Supervisor on Relocation
K. Sugimoto--Relocation Office
Shig Masunaga--Community Council Resettlement Comm.--Block Managers
George Nakaki-- " " " " " "
Tom Oki-- " " " " " "
Min Yonemura-- " " " " " "

1. This body met to discuss and to elaborate the Center Relocation Commission and formulate plans.
2. To discuss aspects of national conference of evacuees to be held in Chicago.
3. To hear G. Raymond Booth, WRA Officer of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Father D. Kitagawa, Field Secretary of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans.
4. To hear Project Director, Guy Robertson, on WRA responsibilities.
5. The Administrative Instruction No. 96 of May 5, 1943, and letters of October 28, November 8, and November 9 of Leland Barrows, Acting Director, were the basis of our formulation of the evacuee Relocation Planning Commission.

II. YMCA-YWCA Institute arranged by Relocation Planning Commission

- A. Meeting was held on January 21, for a two-fold purpose--first, to elect three members to the Relocation Executive Board, and second, to arrange a schedule, topic, etc., with visiting speakers sponsored by the Student Division of the National YMCA-YWCA.

1. The following were elected to the first Relocation Executive Board meeting: Shig Masunaga, Community Council and Block Managers' representative; Nobu Kawai, Sentinel representative; and K. Hatchimonji, Farm Bloc.
 2. Speakers from the outside were Dr. Floyd Sampson, Dean of Religion, University of Denver; Mr. William McKee, Assistant Secretary, American Friends Service Committee, Chicago Midwest Office; Miss Dorothea Spellman, Social Welfare Worker, University of Denver; Miss Vivian R. Archambault, Denver YCA; Masao Satow, National YMCA.
 - a. Schedule of three days' activities with meetings of seminars, discussion panels, open forums, etc.
 - b. Met with P.T.A.; YWCA: Community Activities--Youth Organization's leaders; YMCA--boys' club workers; Social Welfare Section, WRA: WRA Appointed Personnel staff; high school assembly; high school classes; Relocation Planning Commission; churches (Community Christian and Buddhist); church organizations, etc.
- III. Important discussion with Dr. John W. Thomas, General Secretary, Dept. of Cities, Baptist Home Mission Society.
- A. Met with church leaders and Community Christian Church congregation.
 - B. Met with youth organizations of the Community Christian Church.
- IV. Mr. G. Raymond Booth, Cincinnati Relocation Officer
- A. Finest public relation's individual WRA has yet sent to the Center. Need more like him.
 - B. Relocation stimulation should be initiated at the centers through individuals such as Mr. Booth.
 - C. Interviewed parents, students, and others who were interested in the resettlement program of the WRA.
 - D. Personal integrity and consistency in personal philosophy for fair play and racial equality, developed confidence and good will among the residents of the Center.
 - E. Future activities should involve visitations of relocation officers into these various centers in order that people may come to know them, who are working in our behalf.
- V. WRA Relocation Team
- A. Public relations and program planners
 1. Mr. Leo T. Simmons, St. Louis Relocation Officer; Mr. Oscar J. Buttedahl, Reports Officer, Washington, D. C.; and Mr. Abe Fischler, Washington Reports Division.
 2. Meeting with Relocation Planning Commission to formulate schedules, methods of approach, psychology of handling program for Issai, strategy, etc., were discussed and organized. At the same time the approval and cooperation of the Community Council and Block Managers were made so that they too might actively participate in such a program.
 - B. Relocation Team
 1. Harold S. Fistere, Relocation Supervisor, Cleveland area, Chairman; Robert M. Cullum, Relocation Supervisor, New York area; and Dr. P. A. Webber, Salt Lake Office.

2. After the first meeting, Mr. Cullum took ill and was confined to the hospital. Meetings were held in the theaters in the evenings, and interviews were held at the Community Activities field office in the afternoons. Meetings were also arranged with the Administrative Personnel, joint meeting of Community Council and Block Managers, meeting with the church groups and Interfaith Council, meeting with the Relocation Planning Commission, concluding with the general meeting at the high school auditorium.
3. In the larger meetings the attendance varied from 300 to 400 with the last meeting with approximately 1600 in attendance. In these meetings two films were shown, "Harvest Parade" and "The Way Ahead."
4. Dr. Webber's talks were unusually good since they "hit the nail on the head" everytime he appeared. He never referred to relocation directly except in future planning of evacuees. It is the consensus of the board that future education program on relocation and stimulation of thinking in this direction will require usage of the Japanese language. This is necessary and imperative because the vast majority of the family heads are Isseis.
5. We believe education on the part of the Relocation Team was successfully carried out in this project by having these speakers as guest of various Councilmen, Block Managers, and other leaders. By being guests these relocation officials were able to actually feel, see, and experience the lives of the evacuees within the Center while visiting in the homes, mess halls, latrines, etc.

G. Relocation Team follow through

1. Mr. Cullum, who had convalesced, and Mr. Walter M. Parmeter, Relocation Officer of the Omaha area, availed themselves to the Leave Office and Relocation Planning Commission Office to interview prospective relocatees and answer questions, as well as inform them of the opportunities for successful resettlement in their areas.
2. Mr. Cullum was scheduled to various community leaders who wanted to talk to them on problems that were obstacles to their resettlement efforts. All of the most active leaders of the community had an opportunity to meet Mr. Cullum. Through his efforts many of our Center have since left for the East.
3. Mr. Parmeter, being familiar with the tri-county farm opportunities in Nebraska, drew an unusual number of farmers for interviews. He had with him charts, diagrams, information pertaining to soil analysis, as well as samples of soil itself. He had with him also a film on tri-county. Our adult education supervisor on relocation organized a farmers' meeting for those who were very much interested in the tri-county setup. This picture was shown, and discussion groups were organized. As a result a number of residents has left for tri-county, including Shig Masunaga, one of our very active Nisei community leaders who was the Executive Secretary of the Community Council and the Chairman of Block Managers as well.
4. Mr. Parmeter aroused a great deal of interest, and it was too bad that he, too, did not have someone to follow through his little program. He was busy from morning to night interviewing the farmers who were anxious to relocate. Mr. Parmeter had obtained the suggestions of the Planning Commission members so that he might devise a strategy of approach to the Isseis. In this he was very successful.

VI. Relocation Executive Board (First Meeting)

- A. The following attended:

Chairman Guy Robertson, Project Director
Executive Secretary Joe Carroll, Relocation Program Officer
Ex officio Robert Y. Kodama, Exec. Secy. Relocation Planning Commission
Three representatives of the WRA staff:
Virgil Payne, Social Welfare Counselor
Clifford D. Carter, Superintendent of Education
Victor J. Ryan, Finance Officer
Three representatives of the Relocation Planning Commission:
Shig Masunaga, Community Council--Block Managers
Nobu Kawai, Sentinel
K. Hatchimonji, Farm Bloc

B. Aims and purposes introduced:

1. Planning
2. Coordination
3. Guidance
4. Education

C. Projects

1. National evacuee conference
2. Questions and answers handbook
3. Education program--pamphlet on organizations, agencies, and individuals who are actively participating in the resettlement program on the outside. This is necessitated by the total ignorance on the part of the evacuees as to who are their friends. Realization will bolster morale, confidence, good will, sanity and maintenance of general mental equilibrium.

VII. Accomplishments

- A. Relocation of prominent evacuee leaders, hence, deploting the Relocation Planning Commission membership, and enlarging the Commission membership to cover widest possible cross section of the community.
- B. Compilation of education section survey on "Are You Planning to Relocate?"
- C. Asking for cooperation of the church groups, Community Council, and Block Managers to further the survey of the education section. The compilation of these questions are now taking place.
- D. Compiling agenda for the Resettlement and Public Relations Committee of the Community Council who propose to the Council the evacuees' conference and proposed agenda.
- E. Compilation of important matters that were obstacles to immediate relocation of those who desire to go out. This was gathered by the Executive Secretary of the Commission and submitted to Guy Robertson who was going to attend the Project Directors' conference in Washington. We have attached a copy here.

VIII. Additional information on Relocation Planning Commission

- A. Minutes of Commission
- B. Report of Relocation Program Officer
- C. Relocation Planning Commission, Heart Mountain, Wyoming
- D. Any other additional information

POLICIES OF THE RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION

- I. Stimulation and development of evacuee thinking on relocation.
- II. Coordination of WRA policy with individual relocation planning.
- III. Coordination of **public relation both on the project and national levels with voluntary organizations as well as center groups.**
- IV. Simplifying, expediting, and aiding relocatees leave from the Center and continuing this assistance through to the area to which they relocate through letters of introduction.
- V. Emphasis on relocation as the greatest means by which postwar planning by evacuees might become a realization.
- VI. Cooperate with existing voluntary groups both within the Center and on the outside so that the greatest efficiency might be attained in the resettlement program.
- VII. Furnish all information necessary to make relocation possible for the family and offer the necessary counseling service.