

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL

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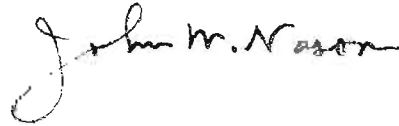
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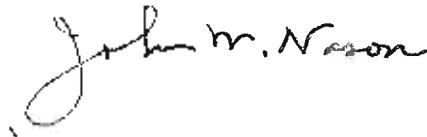
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Herewith please find a copy of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 24th, 1943. As you examine these minutes you will see that there has been a change of mind in the Executive Committee since the Meeting of the full Council on September 29th, 1943. The Executive Committee felt that existing conditions would require the Council to operate for some months without demobilizing any very large part of the staff. Before extending this policy indefinitely it was clear that the matter should be submitted to the full Council. It was recognized that the decision of the Council might well rest on the possibility of adequate financial support. The Executive Committee therefore urged that all possible efforts be made to secure from the interested Church bodies such commitments as they were willing to make for the year 1944.

Obviously this meeting will be of first rate importance to all those interested in the work of this Council. In order to secure the maximum attendance we are asking now that you will indicate your convenience as regards the following dates:

January 18, 19, 25, 26, 27
February 1, and 2

For your convenience in making a reply we enclose a post card. Will you kindly check on the card the days when you can be present? If you have a preference among those days number the checked days in order of your preference. As soon as we have enough of these cards returned to us, we will set the date and notify all the members of the Council. It is important that this be done before we get tangled up in the Christmas rush. It is probable that this meeting will be held in New York City.

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Alternates:

- Maxwell Adams for E. Fay Campbell, Director, Department of Colleges and Theological Seminaries, Presbyterian Church
Bill Kitchen for H. Edwin Espy, Executive Secretary, National Student Committee, Young Men's Christian Assn.

Guests:

- Walter D. Howell, Assistant to the Secretary of the Division of Education in Home, Church and Community of the Presbyterian Board of Education.
George Rundquist, Executive Secretary, Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans in New York City.

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Chairman John W. Nason presiding

NJ 65 REVIEW OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29th MEETING: C. V. Hibbard cited from the minutes of the Council meeting of September 29th, 1943, the following matters which required attention by the Executive Committee: (A) The matter of clearance for larger universities not previously cleared; (B) Possible effects of Selective Service; (C) Proposed sharp reduction of staff and operations as of March 1st, 1943. These were the subjects of a later discussion.

NJ 66 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER: The attached financial statement covering the month of October and a summary of receipts and expenditures from the beginning of the Council was considered and ordered filed as a part of these minutes.

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NJ 67 DILLON S. MYER'S REQUEST FOR COOPERATION: Dillon S. Myer's letter of November 22nd, 1943, requesting cooperation in the procedure (Form #58) of the Provost Marshall General's Office for clearing students for admission to hitherto closed colleges and universities was read and it was agreed that the Council should give such cooperation as Mr. Myer had requested.

NJ 68 REPORT RE: WASHINGTON CONFERENCES: John W. Nason reported concerning conferences in Washington.

Mr. Myer made it perfectly clear that he would like to see the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council continue and the members of his staff who were present concurred in this judgment. Mr. Myer agrees with us that there is not the volume of work to be done that has existed in the past. He points out, however, that we have a continuing responsibility to those students who are already relocated and who will from time to time want to make changes or need additional help and advice; that there are students now in the Projects who should be released as promptly as possible; that our student relocation is of great help in family relocation since they have found that it is easier to relocate families in communities in which students have pioneered; that their family relocation is not likely to proceed at a sufficiently rapid pace to eliminate the need of the relocation of students from the Projects (this is a reversal of the position anticipated at the meeting of September 29th); that there is still such discrimination against people of Japanese ancestry that the aid of the Council would be highly desirable for those members of relocated families who might go on to college and that, finally, no other group possesses all of the information about students already relocated or students to be relocated that we possess in our National Japanese American Student Relocation Council. Mr. Myer made it clear that while the W.R.A. would take over what it could of our work in the event that we decided to discontinue activities, his organization could not possibly do the job which we have done. After all we are the focal point for the church boards, with their scholarship grants, the Projects where the students now reside, the government agencies. The W.R.A. does not know the church boards nor the past history of the students as we do. The church boards do not know the government agencies and how to thread their way through the technicalities or relocation. A new procedure will make it possible for Japanese Americans to go to any college or university except on the West Coast. While complicated this procedure removes the decision from the Army and Navy and centers it in the office of the Provost Marshall General.

NJ 69 DISCUSSION OF POLICIES: The members of the Executive Committee, having been provided in advance of the meeting with communications, transcripts of letters, memoranda by members of the staff and official communications, proceeded at once to the discussion of policies. It was emphasized that at the present rate of operations funds in hand would not last longer than March 1st, 1944. Most of the Churches have fulfilled their original commitments to the support of the Council. A few have renewed or extended their appropriations so that some amounts are still coming in. The full amount of the Columbia Foundation grant has been received and there is no assurance of additional funds from any of the foundations. It was recalled that Dillon S. Myer had recommended that pending restoration of Selective Service, the Council might well refrain from exercising any pressure to get Japanese American

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men into colleges and universities. C. V. Hibbard pointed out that the percentage of university students in the population of Sweden was about .23% and the percentage of the students in the American population generally was about 1%; that excluding Hawaii the percentage of students of Japanese race in the colleges and universities of the continental United States is approximately 2% of the population of that racial group in the same area or about equal to what it was before the War. It was emphasized that this group might constitute an important part of the leadership required for the reconstruction following the war in Asia. Edward D. Kohlstedt suggested that if the Council found it necessary to lay down its work that the Federal Council of Churches might be in a position to take over this responsibility. There was much general discussion to which the members of the staff present made contributions. A careful calculation indicated that there would be around 1000 students needing relocation in 1944 as against 1500 actually relocated in 1943. The prevailing sentiment among the members of the Committee seemed to be that this Council should continue to operate actively in the placement of students including graduates from the Project High Schools. It was also a matter of general agreement that in the months ahead the Council should recognize as an important part of its work a continuing responsibility for the relocation and best interests of the students already placed in colleges and universities. The following motion was made and approved:

In view of the fact:

1. That there are still on the Projects several hundreds of students who may need the instrumentality of the Council to go to college.
2. That each year beginning with 1943 hundreds in each year's class of graduates from the Project High Schools will desire to go to college.
3. That the new procedure through the Provost Marshall General's Office promises to make it possible for advanced and professional students to enter schools not previously cleared.
4. That the difficulties which beset students even after completing the first year in college are considerable; and
5. That the limitations, anxieties, and rebuffs which afflict the Japanese American student as he seeks to make his way to college or from one college to another make desirable special attention;

it was moved and unanimously approved that the Council continue its program on approximately its present basis until the meeting of the full Council in January and that its continuation in 1944 be determined at that time in the light of financial commitments secured in advance of that meeting; and that efforts be made to provide a budget totalling \$30,000.00 for the period January 1st, 1944, to December 31st, 1944.

NJ 70 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: The Committee adjourned subject to call by the Chairman

C.V. Hibbard, Director

NJ 71 A RESOLUTION NOT PART OF THE MEETING: The following resolution received from the World Student

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Service Fund was not among the papers circulated in advance of the meeting but is here recorded as a supplement to the minutes of the above meeting:

"It was on motion RESOLVED that the World Student Service Fund General Committee express its deep gratification at the splendid task which has been and is being performed by the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council and, being aware that the problem of student relocation will undoubtedly continue for many months or years to come, expresses its urgent concern that the Relocation Council will lay its plans to continue its work as long as there are students who need to be relocated. The General Committee expresses its determination to continue to help finance this work in the future, as it has in the past."

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N E W S L E T T E R - V I I

Dear Friend and Student Counselor:

THE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION

It's thrilling to be able to tell you to dispel any rumors that the Council will close its doors. On Wednesday, November 24, the Executive Committee of the Council met here in Philadelphia and decided THE COUNCIL MUST CONTINUE its important work of relocating students. I thought as I sat in the meeting how wonderful it would be if each of you were there and could have listened and felt as I did, what was being said and the kind of constructive thinking which was being done. Indeed, it was heartening to me! You may be assured there are a number of people who understand the significance of student relocation. The action of the Executive Committee indicates the earnest purpose and intention of the Council to continue activities as long as they are urgently needed. The size of the office staff will necessarily be reduced as the volume of work is decreased.

The events of that day lent a deep significance to the thankfulness in my heart. Thanksgiving Day! How wonderful it is to know that this kind of work can go on during the war period. I think it is a credit to the many far-sighted men who believe in the principle of fair-play and true democracy and know that these cannot be suddenly "chucked out of the window" -- if we are to be building for a better world now.

FROM RELOCATED STUDENTS

The following are just excerpts of letters from relocated students -- I know these will prove an inspiration to all of us.

From Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio: "We, the relocated students, would still be in camp if it were not for your efforts. Most of us are seeing America, the larger America for the first time. I believe we are creeping out of a shell that we have unconsciously been in. Out here, we have the opportunity to participate in much larger fields. If one will only look for it, one finds stimulating people with stimulating thoughts. I believe this experience is helping me to develop more fully than anything else that could have happened. I consider myself very fortunate and hope that others in Camp will have the same opportunity."

From Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts: ".....it's just been wonderful in New England. You said some proud words about the country and the weather (remember, I'm a Californian) but you're perfectly right. It's really a shock to find the weather traveling in cycles; in the autumn the leaves fall, in the winter it snows, and in the spring you want to go out and pound yourself on the chest and give Tarzan yells. Remarkable. You know how it is in San Francisco. Everyone treats the weather a bit cavalierly and it's a mild servile thing. But here, you're nice to it, or it bites back."

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From Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan: "Although small colleges like Adrian are relatively unknown, I found that I can fill in a wide gap of things that I missed while I was attending University of California. While student and faculty relation was impersonal and Japanese largely kept among themselves in the Berkeley Campus, I have found the real meaning of campus life here. I have lost my racial consciousness and the students treat me like "one of them," showing neither favoritism nor intolerance."

CLOSED SCHOOLS OPENED A CRACK

We are advised of a new procedure under the Provost Marshal General, which is expected to make it possible for any Japanese American student whose record for loyalty and good behaviour is entirely satisfactory to be admitted to any college or university in the United States which is not in the West Coast Defense Area.

We are daily expecting precise instructions and will promptly advise all concerned when we receive them. In the meantime, we can only say that the procedure follows closely that previously established and announced under which Japanese American citizens are cleared for employment in war plants.

SMALL SCHOOLS WITHOUT FULL ACCREDITATION

In this class there are some schools where conditions are more than casually friendly and where Japanese American students can be assured of real hospitality. For students who do not expect to go on to graduate work or professional work or indeed to transfer to any accredited college or university, these schools may offer a desirable opportunity. Some are closely affiliated with church groups which prefer to have the students to whom they make scholarship grants attend their own colleges. A student who is eager to get the cultural opportunities of college but has no idea of capitalizing on his academic career may well consider some of these opportunities.

LOSS OF EARNED CREDITS IN WESTERN SCHOOLS

The advanced student, when planning the number of years to complete a curriculum for a degree, should keep in mind that requirements differ in Western schools and Freshman English is invariably required. Also, some earned units towards graduation from previous records may be expected to be "knocked off."

NURSING

Sam Ishikawa, Earlham '43, is now in our Placement Department concentrating on the nursing school field. He and Woody Emlen have conferred in Washington with the WRA Relocation Division, which has subsequently issued a directive to all Relocation Supervisors and Officers to discover openings in Hospital Schools of Nursing in their districts. We are pleased to have these personal contacts made throughout the country as we know what a difference it has made to know personally the Directors of Nursing here in Philadelphia. We hope you will pass on this optimistic note to the nurse's aides and other aspirants to nursing schools.

There is no catch in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Program. We believe it is a godsend to these girls and we hope they can all be informed concerning it. You can send for descriptive leaflets in any number from the United States Cadet Nurse Corps, Box 88, New York, New York.

NEW FIELDS TO CONSIDER

Practical Nursing - the minimum length of course leading to a license in New York is nine months. This course is a combination of classroom teaching and hospital experience. The cost of the course is approximately \$140, including books, uniforms, and tuition.

Steno-Typing - seems to be a vocational opportunity.

Chick-Sexing - after training seems to be offering unusual opportunities. We shall be glad to send the names of several schools offering this training.

GOOD NEWS!

Tom Bodine is now on one of his field trips visiting some of the Projects. I hope those students who are interested in student relocation will be able to personally meet him.

Date	Place	
December 3	St. Louis - - - - -	c/o Arno Haack Student YMCA Washington University St. Louis, Missouri
December 5-6-7-8	Granada - - - - -	c/o James G. Lindley Project Director Granada Relocation Project Amache, Colorado
December 9	Denver - - - - -	c/o Mrs. Michi Watanabe Central YWCA Denver, Colorado
December 11-12-13	Heart Mountain - - -	c/o Miss Virginia Lynn High School Counselor Heart Mountain, Wyoming
December 16-17-18-19-20	Granada	
December 23-24-25-26- 27-28-29-30	Heart Mountain	
January 4-5-6-7	Jerome	c/o Miss Minnie Lee Mayhan High School Counselor Jerome Relocation Project Denson, Arkansas
January 8-9-10-11	Rohwer	c/o Nat R. Griswold Counselor Rohwer Relocation Project McGehee, Arkansas

Kay is home, sick. Knowing she wants this letter to get out, her assisting staff has freely edited her copy.

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CALL OF COUNCIL MEETING

At the request of John Nason, I am calling a meeting of the full Council at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 19th, in the YMCA "Director's Room" 810, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City.

This is in accordance with recommendation from the meeting of the Council on September 29th and the Executive Committee on November 24th. Minutes of these meetings have been sent to all members of the Council. It is apparent that we must now reach a decision on policy for the coming year. Funds available will be a determining factor. Each participating organization should be ably represented when this decision is made.

The enclosed post card will facilitate your reply.



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