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WEEKLY REPORT  
ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER  
March 3, 1945

The older Nisei of the center held a three day conference over the week end for the purpose of stimulating thinking and action on the various problems confronting them. The theme of the conference was: "Nisei Action Today and Tomorrow." Three outside speakers were invited to attend the session and to speak to and meet with the Nisei. These speakers were: Bill Hosokawa, Nisei newspaperman now on the staff of the Des Moines Register; James Sugioka, field worker for the Committee on War Services of Disciples of Christ; and Sherwood Eddy, well known traveler, author and lecturer.

The conference opened Friday afternoon with registration, at which time approximately 140 persons registered. At the opening assembly, Mr. Sugioka, who had just returned from a trip to California, spoke of his experiences gained on this trip. He expressed the opinion that the West coast was not a particularly desirable relocation area, as compared to other parts of the country, and he pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of the different sections. At the evening session, an all-Nisei symposium was presented on the topic, "We Look at Resettlement." Three center Nisei and Mr. Sugioka were the speakers. Saturday morning was devoted to discussion groups which were divided into three separate fields; namely, political action, economic action, and social action. The original intention was to have each group meet separately throughout the entire day. However, due to the fact that attendance was hindered by rain, the groups were not divided into three separate fields, but discussed each field in turn. After the general discussion group, a round table panel was held, at which time a panel of leaders composed of Mr. Hosokawa, Mr. Sugioka, and three members of the caucasian personnel discussed the subject, "The Nisei Way of Action" and, later, the discussion was opened to questions and comment from the floor.

A banquet meeting was held in the evening, featuring Mr. Hosokawa as speaker. Mr. Hosokawa urged the people to face the relocation problem squarely, and pointed out the futility of remaining in the center.

Sunday afternoon a general assembly was held and reports of discussions were presented. The chairman of the three groups presented the findings and results of their groups. In the evening a center-wide mass meeting in the auditorium was held, at which time Dr. Eddy spoke.

It is the intention of the sponsoring committee to draw up a detailed report on the conference, which will be mimeographed and distributed to the center residents.

The center delegates to the Salt Lake City Conference returned Friday, but we do not yet have any information as to what their reaction is. We understand that they plan to make a complete report to the Council the first part of next week.

The U.S.O. and the Community Council are now preparing an up-to-date list of all service men who have next of kin at this center. This list will be used by the McGehee Times in its Special Service Men's Edition. Photographs of several outstanding Nisei soldiers have been turned over to the paper to be included in this edition.