



[T.C.C. meeting]

CAMOUFLAGE PROJECT

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We have been working on this net project. What are we going to do about it? We got to unload these nets.

It's none of our business whether we have the labor for that thing. Who was it planned the net project anyway? If they poanned it, then it's their business to get the labor.

Well, it's under Head and Mr. Knudsen, I guess, but it's up to the people of Postn to accept it.

Well, I don't know whether it's our business. I don't think you can pass an ordinance forcing the people to work on it. (Laughter).

We are not recruiting labor. That isn't the idea. The idea is an educational program so that people will understand this thing. It's up to the Employment Division of the Factory Division to see about getting labor for the project.

This project is part of our community. That's all there is to it. Do you get the point, Nomura? It's going to affect all of us.

Well, we can investigate and find out how many men are needed and ask for the men. That's all we have to do.

Well, it's the ultimate objective of the committee as we see it is that the manning of the camouflage plant is a secondary matter. I am the chairman of the Works Project ommittee and that's why I am here. The lack of workers is a problem, but that's not the main point. The Committee has some recommendations to the council: (1) that the policy of the project be made clear, the accounting system be straightened out; got to have exact data on what is charged to us, the buildings are not for example, but subsistence, I guess, is charged to us. This has got to be straightened out. (2) The basic policy should be a written statement and when made that way and we have it then the project can go ahead it if's to be run efficiently so the community will have an interest in it. I mean than the plant could be manned and would be worked effectively if they can get any committment to more than 16 dollars a month. We first met with Head and he said to go ahead now with more efficiency. This is the time he said when we should be making whooe project more efficient. This is the time he weed out in depts. and hire people for efficiency. The question is the best method of submitting the news so I guess we have an oral committment of the project, but not written. At the second meetinghe asked the council to recommend a resolutuion to the Project director.

You're leaving out the most important part. There's got to to be incentife. That's what this whole thing means, that we are trying to get incentive to get people to work.

That will follow here. The basic policy will be cleared up.

Mr. Haas ought to say something. He said he thinks that everything will be charged against the project or maybe he said it wouldn't be.

We heert that subsistence will be charged against the project.

Mr. Head doesn't know these things.

The point is if we don't know just what is charged against us we don't know if there is any hope of making money. If there was hope of making money, there could be efficiency, but if not, then why worry about the efficiency.

This is a big project and there are other big projects. It's up to the administration to explain the basis on which they will run. Why don't you explain that, Smoot?

The administration has got to explain this about the workers trust fund and all that stuff. Here we got a proof of well-paid Caucasian help around and if we are charged with their salaries, then maybe we can decide that we don't need them. We don't need those Caucasian foremen and how about non-productive project? There ought-to be clarification on all of those things.

It is stated that the beginning of the project is not charged against us. From a certain date which is to be set things would be charged against us. From that time we can begin to get rid of excessive items.

There's Mr. Haas. Has he got anything to say?

Nobody knows what the situation is, but I know this, that it was originally stated that these would be cash advances if the project were successful. That was a tentative statement. Tentative statements change as you all know. It was stated that Caucasian help would be eliminated and that all administrative jobs would be filled by the residents except for some key staff jobs.

Well if this thing is set up on a debit and credit system we have got to work into the financial basis. Maybe if it's debit and credit there isn't any money to be made anyway, then we are barking up the wrong tree.

That's just it.

The thing is that they have to know just what time for certain policies and it takes time to work out policies. There's no precedent in this case WRA is watching. I might say that in the last week or so there's been lots of classifications, so much classifications of certain policies that that most of the administrators can't keep up with them. Asking right now for classifications on this will help on this particular thing.

Is there any more discussion? I want to put this up for your approval.

Vote is taken. Unanimously passed that the Works Projects Committee recommendations be sent to the project director.