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MINUTES OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: Monday, April 5, 1943  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Yahanda.  
Roll call was made.

PRESENT: Mr. Karl Iwanaga, Mr. Saimoto, Mr. Kasugai, Mr. Yahanda, block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Toshi Taketa (23), K. Sumida (25), Fred Murayama (26), and John Fujiwara (27). Mr. C. Noguchi represented block 24.

Block manager for block 24.

The vacancy created by the resignation of Art Kataoka is filled temporarily by Mr. C. Noguchi.

Shoe repair rationing.

Starting from this week each block manager is allowed to pass out three tickets per day for shoe repairing.

Farm and automotive equipment survey.

Survey must be completed by Wednesday, April 7. The form #157 must be filled in duplicate and signed by the individuals.

Truck farmers.

Truck farmers who are contemplating to go into truck farming in the vicinity of Mesa are asked to contact Mr. Yahanda at once.

Red Cross

Mr. Iwanaga made a report on the result of the recent Red Cross drive. He thanked the Block Managers for their fine cooperation. Mr. Iwanaga wanted to find the consensus of opinion of the blocks as to the proper amount to be remitted to the Red Cross Headquarters. The Block Managers are requested to report in by the next meeting.

Wash basins.

A memorandum will be sent to Mr. Doucha asking for immediate attention to repair leaking wash basins in the following blocks: 3, 4, 6, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, and 27.

Requisition for cow manure is to be put in for all the blocks.

The following managers were chosen as representatives to study and check up on the operation of block managers in Poston in connection with their respective business: Si Ishimaru (7), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), and Masato Minami (22).

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Managers

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGER'S MEETING

Date: April 12, 1943

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Yahanda. Roll call was made.

PRESENT: Miss Mary McCarthy, Mr. Iwanaga, Mr. Yahanda, and block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Toshi Taketa (23), Yoshio Yoshimura (24), K. Sumida (25), Fred Murayama (26), Roy Emoto (Ass't 27).

Yoshio Yoshimura, 24-2-A, is appointed as block manager for #24.

Wire screens.

Mr. Brown reported that screens for the apartments have already been shipped from the East and are on the way.

Indefinite leave check ups.

In order to make check ups on government issued articles, the Property Department should be notified by the Leave Officer when a person is leaving at least two or three days in advance of their departure. Miss McCarthy is to take care of this matter.

Shoe repair tickets.

Shoe repair rationing tickets will be distributed by the Central Block Manager as soon as materials arrive at the shoe shop.

3 tickets per block per day or 18 per week.

1 ticket to Block 16 per day or 6 per week.

Conservation of drinking water.

Notice is to be sent out asking residents of this Camp to discontinue flooding of lawns and vacant lots until the Canal water is available through gravity irrigation system.

Organization of supervisor for block janitors.

Block managers are requested to look out for the qualified person to take this responsible position as soon as possible.

Red Cross report.

Mr. Iwanaga reported that the sum of \$45 has been turned in by the school children and others since the last Red Cross drive.

The block managers are unanimously in favor of keeping two-thirds of the money collected at the last Red Cross drive here in this Camp.

It was requested by the block managers to the local Red Cross Chapter to supply First Aid Kits or materials to every block manager's

office in the Canal Community for giving first aid to the residents of the respective blocks.

Ice water for the schools.

Request proper authority (a) to furnish cold drinking water on the school grounds, (b) to install coolers in the schools.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, April 19, 1943  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
Place: Conference room, Canal Ad. Bldg.

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda,. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Masato Minami (22), Foshi Taketa (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Red Murayama (26), and Roy Emoto (Ass't 27).

ABSENT : Block managers Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), and K. Sumida (25).

Report of the Housing Committee which met on April 15, 1943--its decision and recommendations:

Father Clement's request for Catholic communicants meeting place was granted in 16-7-A.

No assignment was given to the request by the Ex-servicemen for their space in block 16. However, the matter will be reconsidered when spaces become available in some of the recreation halls.

Honeymoon cottage will be moved to 16-14-C. Two cottages, C and C<sub>1</sub>, are available and the occupants are permitted to stay a maximum of one week.

16-14-B (5 beams) was given to block 16 for recreational purposes in case a portion of the Post Office building is not available as requisitioned.

Dr. Oyama is permitted to occupy alone a 3-beam apartment (16-5-C) provided he uses it in conjunction with the Ex-servicemen secretary's office.

Supervisor and inspector for block janitors and janitresses are appointed as follow: K. Kirihara - supervisor, men's and Mrs. Ikeda, inspector, women's.

By taking a gallon jug, spray material is now available at the Grounds office.

Wooden shower room sinks are now being made to order.

It was requested through Mr. Doucha for paint and drier for shower room walls.

The majority of the block manager's offices, at present, are partly used for living quarters due to congestions. In conformity with the policy of the Housing Department, the block managers have decided to vacate them as soon as our present housing problems become less acute.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Hiremo, Secretary

Disposition of apartments partially left vacant by seasonal and indefinite leaves is tabled for the present. It will again be taken up when the need arises.

A memo is to be sent to the Administration for disposal of stray dogs and also licensing of cats.

The supervisor and inspector of the block janitors and janitresses will be asked to attend weekly block managers' meeting with reports and recommendations.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, April 26, 1943  
Time : 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Place : Conference room, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mrs. Ikeda and Mr. Kirihara, Supervisors of block janitors and janitresses, block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Kazuo Yamasaki (Ass't 16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Toshi Taketa (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), K. Sumida (25), and John Fujihara (27).

ABSENT : Block managers Robert Morishige (10), and Fred Murayama (26).

The newly appointed block manager for #23 Kay Tagami, recommended by Toshi Taketa, was introduced to the block managers. Mrs. Ikeda and Mr. Kiriharawere also introduced.

Report was made with reference to the movement to Camp II. There is only one famil so far wishing to make a move.

The Grounds Department is to be asked to give complete stop to the flooding of lawns.

Reports of the Supervisors of janitors and janitresses were very favorable with exception of a few. Cooperation of the Block Managers was asked.

We would like to have cooperation of the Public Works Division to take immediate steps in putting in new sinks, especially in the women's latrines where there are no floor drainage.

The closets or lockers should be built in the shower room corner for janitorial supplies.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date : Monday, May 3, 1943  
Time : 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Place : Conference room, Admn. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by chairman, T. Yahanda, Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Hoffman, new Assistant Director for Canal, Mr. Saimoto, Mr. Kirihara, Mrs. Ikeda, block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), K. Sumida (25), and John Fujiwara (27).

ABSENT : Block manager Hiroshi Hiratuska (20) and Fred Murayama (26), who resigned but represented by Mr. Kono.

The resignation of Fred Murayama, block manager for #26, was received with regret.

In order to conserve drinking water, the block managers were requested to cooperate by putting a stop to all waste in shower room and elsewhere. Notices or posters are to be prepared and distributed, and also one for ice water will be made.

Block managers are asked to cooperate in getting enough men for making concrete sinks.

Until materials are available for making closets, janitors and janitresses are asked to use the boiler room for their store rooms. Duplicate keys will be made.

Notices will be posted at all hydrants or faucets prohibiting their use for washing faces, clothes or cleaning fish, etc.

A memorandum will be sent to the Post Master asking his cooperation in careful handling of mail bags.

Mr. Hoffman was introduced to the block managers as assistant Project Director to be stationed in the Canal Administration Building.

A bouquet of flowers is to be sent to Mr. Sawyer, who is now at the Mesa Hospital. Block managers and ~~and~~ the Housing Dept. are to go in together.

A directory of division, departmental, and section heads will be issued shortly.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : May 10, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: L. T. Hoffman, K. Saimoto, K. Kirihara, M. Ikeda, block managers Shigeru Ikejiri (Ass't 3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), K. Sumida (26), K. Yanagihara (26), and John Fujihara (27).

Block managers are requested to report in all changes resulting from moving in and out of blocks, and when new partitions are put in or the old ones moved.

Property release procedure is now simplified. The form #767 must be signed by the block manager in duplicate. The original is returned to the Leave Office by the applicant and the copy is forwarded to the Property Department.

Identification badges issued by the Internal Security recently, and distributed by the block managers, are supposed to be worn by the individuals. According to Mr. Williamson, Chief of Internal Security, it is not compulsory to wear them. However, it is suggested that each individual keep it at all times and be able to display it when required by the authority.

Screening for the windows will be distributed about Thursday in Canal, and the residents are requested to put them up themselves.

In order to effect conservation of domestic water, the residents are requested to cooperate in two ways: (a) use as little water as possible from the hydrant for shower, laundrying, etc., (b) contribute volunteers when the turn comes for each block to put in the gravity system of irrigation which is to be installed within the next few days.

Mr. F. Yanagihara, recommended by Mr. Murayama, was appointed to succeed the latter as block manager for #26. He was introduced to the block managers.

Mr. Tom Sawyer, to whom a bouquet was to be sent, is now out of the hospital and attending a convention in the East.

Requisition for duplicate keys for laundry boiler rooms must be in by today.

The Administration is to be asked to have services of the Notary Public at least two half days a week in Canal.

For the safety of children in the blocks, requests will be made to the proper authority to keep automobiles or truck driving limited to outside roads, that is, prohibit non-essential driving inside the block.

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A survey will be made to determine where to put in partitions making new apartments to accommodate residents now temporarily housed in block 16. The block managers will be consulted and their cooperation be asked.

Committee on domestic water conservation was appointed as follows: Sagawa (21), Tagami (21), Yanagihara (26), Onoda (4), Ishimaru (7), George Ichimoto (CAS), Jio (Mess Operation), and Yahanda.

Reports of the supervisors of janitors and janitresses with reference to concrete sinks show that it is making a satisfactory progress.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

# MINUTES OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date : Monday, May 17, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference room, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: L. T. Hoffman, K. Saito, K. Kirihara, M. Ikeda, Block Managers Thomas Fujii, (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Kinami (22), Kay Tegami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), K. Sumida (25), F. Yanagihara (26), Roy Emoto 27

A recommendation is to be made to the Administration for stopping all non-essential driving inside of blocks as a safety measure for the residents, especially for children.

Changes in Property release procedure is made as follow: original form goes through Leave Office to Property Division; copy is to be kept by the Block Managers.

The request made to Douha, Senior Engineer, for permission to use fan and motor in the gas heaters in building coolers was not granted. In reply he insists that the gas heaters in the mess halls should be left intact. However, the problem of cooling will partially be solved shortly by installation of tandem ventilating units with one of the fans equipped with cooling pad.

All Block Managers are asked to hand in up-to-date block chart by Wednesday of this week.

Arrangements are to be made to get series of hygiene and sanitation lectures by doctors in the Canal Community. The joint meetings of two blocks each are agreed upon.

Requisition for water keys is to be put in for the Canal Block Managers. If there are not available wrenches could be substituted.

A reminder is to be sent to the Red Cross Chapter for providing cold drinking water for school children, and also for first aid kits to each Block Manager's office.

Request for speeding up distribution of clothing allowance for March and April was voiced by all Block Managers.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Saturday, May 29, 1948  
Time : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Place : Conference Room, Ad. Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Yabanda. Roll Call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Block managers Thomas Fujii (3), Geo. Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Geo. Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), K. Sumida (25), F. Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27), Harry Kono represented Block 7.

The critical water shortage situation was presented by Mr. Hoffman. After lengthily discussion it was finally decided to ask each block to hold Block Council or general meeting tonight as an emergency measure, in order to plan to awaken the residents to the realization of the grave situation. In this meeting the following should be presented and considered:

1. HEALTH - Sufficient water for Mess and latrines
2. FIRE PROTECTION - Pressure in the water main should be maintained. Fire insurance on personal property is at stake.
3. SEWAGE DISPOSAL - It is now at saturation point.

The following recommendations were made by this body as an emergency measures to the Administration:

1. Use of Shower and Laundry Rooms

Three of the seven shower heads in each shower room are to be removed. In addition the showers should be open for use only at the following hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4 to 5:30 p.m., 7 to 10 p.m. Block Managers will be responsible for shutting off the water to the shower room at all other times. In addition to the above measures the laundry room should be closed after dark and all washing should be confined to daylight hours.

2. Use of Water for Lawns in Each Block

Water for lawns and other personal domestic use such as flowers and gardens should be confined to the even numbered days of the month for the upper row of blocks and Block 10. Watering on the odd numbered days of each month will be confined to the residents of the lower row of blocks and Block 16. This includes all watering done by the Grounds Dept. and other administrative divisions as well as the individual residents.

3. Watering in unplanted Areas

All watering of unplanted areas such as playgrounds, roads around mess halls, and around residences shall be stopped entirely until irrigation water is available from the new ditch system now being installed.

4. Coolers

The use of water for coolers should be cut to an absolute minimum in consistence with good cooling practices. Block managers are asked to check on this to advise those individuals using more water than necessary and report individuals failing to cooperate and comply with such advice.

It is recognized that the action is drastic and that the majority of the people will be personally inconvenienced thereby. This is not a matter of convenience or even personal comfort, this is an emergency measure and drastic action is necessary. At such time as the amount of measures will be relaxed but not until then. Proper fire protection is absolutely necessary and it is intended that sufficient amount of water will be always available for such protection to life and property. Full cooperation of all concerned is anticipated.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Wednesday, June 2, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Place : Conference Room, Ad. bldg.

The meeting was called to order by chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Harry Yoshimura (24), K. Sumida (25), F. Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

ABSENT : Block managers Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), and Kay Tagami (23).

Correction to the minutes of the last meeting of the Block Managers was made to read as follow:

2. Use of water for Lawns in Each Block

~~Water for lawns~~ and other personal domestic use such as flowers and gardens should be confined to the odd numbered days of the month for the upper row of blocks and Block 10. Watering on the even numbered days of each month will be confined to the residents of the lower row of blocks and Block 16. This includes all watering done by the Grounds Dept. and other administrative divisions as well as the individual residents.

By drawing lots it was decided to distribute window screens as follow: 1 - 16; 2 - 5; 3 - 3; 4 - 21; 5 - 22; 6 - 7; 7 - 26; 8 - 27; ~~8 - 27~~; 9 - 4; 10 - 10; 11 - 6; 12 - 24; 13 - 23; 14 - 25; 15 - 9; 16 - 20; and 17 - 8.

308 pieces of screens will be distributed to each block and the Block Managers are held responsible for whatever is left over.

Since mop sticks are not available the block managers are willing to make improvised handles if screws are furnished. It was decided to put in a requisition for the same.

Block managers wish to have a requisition put in for screening for their block apartment doors, even if lumber is not available at this time. Many will provide their own lumber and make their own if screening is furnished.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, June 7, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Hoffman, K. Kirihara, K. Saimoto, block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Masao Hiromoto (Ass't 6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Toshiko Minami (Ass't 10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), K. Sumida (25), F. Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

ABSENT : Mrs. Ikeda, Harry Kono (9), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24).

Due to the shortage of available soap powder, the entire amount which came into the canteen was rationed to each block.

Notices will be posted in each block prohibiting ball playing in the block in order to avoid injury to the residents.

All new comers, both visitors and those transferred, are required to register at the Housing Department, Canal Administration Building.

The Public Works Dept. will be asked to take proper steps to improve leaky sinks.

A committee of five men were appointed to formulate a plan and make recommendations to Public Works for making concrete urinals to take the place of leaky ones. The following persons were appointed: Dr. Furuta K. Yamamoto, G. Onoda, R. Sagawa, and K. Kirihara.

Telephone directories will be put out shortly with regulations for their use.

When illustrative films are available, lectures on sanitation and health will be announced very shortly.

The Red Cross Chapter will again be requested to hasten procuring first aid kits for the Block Managers offices and drinking water facility for the school children.

Mr. Hoffman gave a talk to the Block Managers of general interests along three major problems, namely -

1. Employment within Center
2. Relocation
3. Segregation - disloyal evacuees from loyal

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : June 14, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Mr. K. Iwanaga, Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), and Roy Emoto (27), Kenichi Sumida (25), and Fujimi Yanagihara (26).

ABSENT : Mrs. Ikeda, Supv. of Janitresses, and Kataro Saimoto, Supv. of Housing.

Block Managers are required to tabulate all residents in alphabetical order as of June 19, and turn it in by June 21.

Effective today a change has been made in the shower room hours. The shower room will be open from 8:00 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. This is experimental and is subject to change.

The plan for making concrete urinals to replace obsolete ones has been changed by the advice of the Project Engineer. The Administration will do its best to procure porcelain urinals.

Requisition is to be put in for masonite to cover shower room walls. In case this is not available, water-proof paint must be had at once to give a good coating on the walls.

Mr. Iwanaga of the local Red Cross made reports on school drinking water and first aid kits which we requested the Red Cross to provide. The plan to provide ice cold drinking water had to be abandoned because of Dr. Sleath's advice, however, there is a possibility of providing coolers for the nursery and kindergarten.

It was suggested that metal guards be placed over the drinking fountains to keep children from placing their mouths directly in contact with the spouts.

The Red Cross will provide first aid supplies if suitable containers are furnished by the blocks. Mr. Iwanaga will contact instructors as to the feasibility of having emergency instructions given in Canal.

It was reported that at the Directors' conference in Washington, the following were among the important problems discussed.

(a), Drastic curtailment in the present employment in the Centers has to be expected. No new positions created or vacancies filled until official orders come from Washington.

(b) The program of resettlement will be pushed, but more discretion will be used in letting evacuees out of the Project than previously done. A better type of evacuees will be permitted to go out. Our future of resettlement hinges on this point.

(c ) Restriction in giving out passes to near by towns, less privileges, and general tightening up will be in line.

(d) Segregation of disloyal from loyal is inevitable. All the disloyal will receive hearing individually. Those who answered nos in the military questions 27 and 28, and wish to change their minds may now apply in writing and giving reasons to the Project Director, and the WRA in turn will refer the matter to the Army. The Army will have the final say upon recommendation of the WRA. It was intimated that one of 10 centers will be the "SEgregation Camp". Gila in all probability will be the most important agricultural center.

Reports were made by Block Managers Kono, Hashimoto, and Morishige of their education tour they took to Poston recently. It was very interesting and instructive. After comparing the two centers, they all voiced that we are fortunate in being here in Gila.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date : June 21, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by chairman, T. Yehanda. Roll call was made.

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Mr. Ketherton, Mr. Saimoto, Mr. Kiriara, block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Sono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hirasaka (20), Raymond Sogawa (21), Masato Minagi (22), Amy Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

Chief Ketherton was introduced by the chairman to the block managers. He promised that he and his wardens will give us their fullest support especially in enforcing any regulations issued by the Project Director.

The domestic water situation is still critical and every effort should be made to conserve water. A large majority of residents are co-operating but there is a small percentage still either fail to realize the situation or persistently disregard warnings. The final appeal and warning will be given and the matter will then have to be referred to the Internal Security for enforcement. We are reluctant to take this step but it is a dire necessity in protecting our camp from going without drinking water for any length of time.

The population count as of June 19, 1943, in alphabetical order, must be in by the end of today, June 21, 1943.

Requisitions for screen doors is to be put in for the block managers' offices. Recommendation for distribution of door screening for apartments was made especially where they have frame work already made.

C.A.S. requests that all chairs and stools to be taken to the outdoor stage should not exceed 18" or 20" in height.

For the safety to the general public, request was made to the Internal Security to enforce traffic regulations of this center.

During the hot summer months, afternoon office work will be done either in the block managers' office or in their residences.

Service flag - Display of a service flag in front of the Canal Administration Building was approved by the block managers.

Unlicensed dogs are on the decrease, however, still a need of cooperation from the Internal Security on the matter.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, June 28, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Hoffman, William Huso, K. Kirihara, K. Saimoto, Block managers Thomas Fujii (3), George Onoda (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagahara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

ABSENT: Mrs. Ikeda

Request is made from the Farm Division that about 25 volunteers are needed for construction of a packing house in Canal. The Block Managers are willing to contribute their share of service, if each Division head endorses the program.

The Grounds Division will dispatch one truck for hauling melon rind and requests the assistance of the kitchen crew or volunteers through Block Managers for disposal of the same.

It has been discussed and suggested that any stagnant water, besides fish ponds, be oiled to prevent breeding of mosquitoes as an emergency measure until the Sanitation Corp take the proper steps.

The urinals in some of the blocks are in such a condition that it requires immediate replacement. Attention will be called to the Public Works.

George Onoda tendered his resignation as Block Manager #4. He will be succeeded by Yasuo Toriumi.

Harry Kono answered several questions concerning distribution of rebates to coop members.

Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Huso disclosed and explained further on reduction in both appointed personnel and evacuee employees. It was pointed out that the WRA will proceed with its policy of reducing present employees of 5900 to 4200 in the Gila Relocation Project alone during July, August, and September. The reduction will be made based on--

- (a) Necessity of the job
- (b) Aptitude of employee
- (c) Willingness to work

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, July 5, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mrs. Ikeda, K. Kiriwara, K. Saimoto, and George Kawahara, and Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimizu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

Materials for making 10 more ladders to each block are ready for distribution. The block managers agreed to furnish volunteers to put them together.

Porcelain urinals to replace old ones are on the way and should be installed within 30 days.

Immediate attention of the Public Works should be called for painting shower room walls or requisitioning for 34 gallons of white paint with turpentine. Experiment at Block 6 clearly indicated that it is quite successful.

Appointment of Yasuo Toriumi to succeed George Onoda, Manager for Block 4, was announced and he was introduced.

Hinges for screen doors for the Block Manager's office will be requisitioned.

At the request of George Kawahara, the block managers agreed to give their full cooperation in selling tickets for the High School PTA benefit show, Friday evening, July 9.

Closing hours for the laundry rooms will be left with the individual blocks to decide as deem fit.

The regulations for use of telephones will be posted on the bulletin board shortly.

Gila River Coop Enterprise Inc. requests cooperation of its members and also Block Managers in sorting out purchase receipts according to denominations to facilitate accounting by July 10.

A farm tour for the Block Managers is set for Tuesday, July 6. The truck will start from the Administration Building at 8 a.m.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, July 12, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place : Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Hoffman, K. Saimoto, K. Kirihara, Mrs. Hanamoto, block managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Teriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Haratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

Plaque for Servicemen - In order to point out to the visitors and the patriotism and loyalty of the people of this Center, it is planned to place a large plaque with service stars representing the number of men serving in the U.S. Army from this Community. All Block Managers are asked to secure a list of names, rank, and family relationship.

Mrs. Hanamoto was introduced. She is appointed to succeed Mrs. Ikeda

Laundry room hours has been changed from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Block Managers are of the opinion that a watermaster should be appointed upon completion of the pressure line. This is to be sent to Mr. Hoffman as our recommendation.

Fair practice board should be created for the interest of employees. The Administration is asked to appoint its personnel.

A resolution is to be sent to Internal Security thanking them for the fine spirit of cooperation given toward the conservation of domestic water at this time of the critical water shortage.

All extra cots reported by the Block Managers are to be picked up by the Property Department.

Disposition of unlicensed dogs by the Internal Security will again be asked of Mr. Hoffman.

Fishing contest for Block Managers and their friends will be held Sunday, July 18. Messrs. Kono, Hashimoto, and Fujii are appointed on the committee and they will be the judges.

Mr. Hoffman reported and explained to us the latest development on segregation, repatriation, and streamlining of evacuee employees. He also reported on the cut of 14 divisions to 5 divisions comprising 3 major and 2 minor divisions.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, July 19, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place : Conference room

$\frac{1}{2}$  The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Dr. Young, Karl Iwanaga, Mrs. Omaye, Mrs. Hanamoto, K. Kiriara, K. Saimoto and block managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yeshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), Roy Emoto (27).

Dr. Young, Acting Director of Adult Education, was introduced to the Block Managers. He explained to us the different phases of Adult Education. The residents of Canal Community, who are interested in improving their knowledge of English, are requested to come to Adult Education, Recreation Hall #13, Thursday, 8:00 p.m. when classes will be formed. The courses in reading, speaking, and composition writing for beginners, intermediate, and advanced will be given by competent instructors. The day classes may be formed if necessary. Mrs. Omaye, instructor in advanced English, was introduced.

Mr. Hoffman reported on different problems of interest to the Block Managers:

a. The porcelain urinals are here but on account of shortage of fittings the work of installation is somewhat delayed.

b. The main pressure line for the Canal water is now completed and the laterals will be put in shortly.

c. In order that our Deputy Director could become better acquainted with the residents of Canal, Mr. Hoffman expressed his desire that he, at the request of Block Managers, will visit the blocks from time to time. He would like to get first hand informations and know of the problems confronting them. He wishes to know of the things the residents are proud of or anything of special interest.

d. Director Bennett, Terry, Wolter, and Mrs. Blemming will leave this week and for Denver to attend a conference which will last until next Tuesday or Wednesday. Segregation will be the principle topic and the mechanism of its procedure will be worked out.

e. It was reported that the Medical Department is contemplating closing bed patient hospital in Canal due to curtailment of WRA appropriation. It is being studied and still under consideration and nothing has yet been decided.

A memorandum is to be sent to the Sanitation Corps requesting advisability of swimming in the Canal water.

Powdered soap which arrived at the Community Coop will be distributed to the blocks according to population.

Block Managers are requested to turn in servicemen's names by July 20, 1943.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Hirano, Sect'y

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, July 26, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanada. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hendrix, Mrs. Hosoura, Mr. Saindo, Mr. Kirihaara, Mrs. Hanamoto, and block managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Ray Sagawa (21), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto.

ABSENT: Block manager Masato Minami (22).

Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hendrix reported and explained to us the irrigation system and its near completion. An urgent need for a competent water master, who has experience in running water, was expressed by Mr. Hendrix. The block managers are asked to be in watch for such a person.

Mrs. Hosoura of the Social Service Department was introduced. She expressed the wish that the residents of Canal Community would bring all matters concerning repatriation and military questionnaires direct to her office instead of the Butte office. It not only causes delay but also brings confusion and complications. Cooperation of Block Managers was requested.

The Ration Order No. 17 was amended and each resident is entitled to one pair of shoes for each shoe ration period.

Three shoe repairing tickets were given out per block per day heretofore, but this is increased to five per day instead.

The watering of lawn around block recreation halls is to be included hereafter in the block janitorial service. The block janitor and janitress may take turn in watering it.

"Year at Gila" Japanese edition will be a welcomed addition and contributions to the issei.

The block managers realizing the necessity of improving the telephone service have decided to make telephones available in case of an emergency to the adjoining blocks where there are no phones. The Administration was asked to give residents 24 hour service.

The Fire Department will be asked to inspect basements that may endanger safety of the residents as well as of property.

Inspection of coolers will be made to avoid waste of water and also to eliminate excess or unnecessary noise due to poor installation.

Contemplated closing of the bed patient hospital in Canal created an alarm among residents of this community. Majority of the block managers thought it wise to take some sort of action. Since the Community Council and the Block Council Chairmen are also concerned over the matter and since the chairmen of these three organizations are to make a study of the real situation so far as possible, it was decided to table the matter for the

time being until the above committee makes a report.

The shortage of ice was felt in every block recently. The infants and sick persons are not getting enough ice and the Block Managers are desirous of explanations from the proper authority.

It was reported by some Block Managers that the ambulance service is not at all satisfactory. All Block Managers are requested to report in all such cases to this office so that proper measures may be taken when necessary.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, August 2, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Mr. Brown, Community Analyst, Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Hendrix, Mich Yamamoto, John Morooka, Mr. Saimoto, Mr. Kirihara, Mrs. Hanamoto, and Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

Mr. Chamberlin, Mich Yamamoto, and John Morooka, of Evacuee Property, were present and told us of their extensive scope of work, namely they handle real estate, life insurance, safe deposit boxes, automotive equipments, farm machinery, etc. Mr. Chamberlin advised us that now is the opportune time to sell their automobiles. 1942 cars are now frozen but 1941 and older are still demanding good prices. It is expected that in the near future ceiling prices will be fixed on the sale of all cars.

Mr. Morooka will handle disposal of automobiles and farm machinery in Canal every Tuesday and Thursday morning until 12M. Transfer of evacuee properties of all kinds from the private warehouses to the government warehouses may be handled by this department and expert advices will be given.

Mr. Brown, the Community Analyst, was introduced to the Block Managers. He promised to give us a talk in a near future.

Mr. Hendrix reported that the main pressure line and the ditch is completed. The test indicated that in general it is quite satisfactory. It is expected that some of the blocks will receive their first irrigation water by the end of this week. Mr. G. Imada was appointed water master.

The basement inspection is handled by the fire chief and progressing very satisfactorily.

The water in the Canal has been reported contaminated with human sewage and therefore dangerous to be used for bathing or swimming purposes. The Sanitation Division advised and recommended to prohibit swimming in the Canal water.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the report of the Denver conference on segregation is not ready, however, it will be made in the very near future.

In order to obtain bus passes for essential business, the individual residents in Canal are expected to secure a slip from the particular division to which the business is directly connected and then present this slip to the person who issues passes.

It was also reported that the water consumption in Canal Community is still very high and it is advisable to wait till irrigation water system is completed for a change in the shower hours.

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The poor garbage disposal due to extra melon rind caused considerable inconvenience to the mess halls and also to the residents. The mess workers as well as block managers have done their best to ease the situation by securing meager supply of all available trucks to haul garbage. It was unanimously voted that through the proper authority a truck should be made available when requisitioned by supervisors of the mess hall or by block managers for this purpose.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

# MINUTES OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : August 9, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Chief Robison, Canal Fire Dept; Harry Miyake; Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

ABSENT: Block manager George Shimazu (8).

Chief Robison was introduced. His inspection of the basements in Canal indicate the dug-outs in general are unsatisfactory. In some of the basements he found the following conditions:

- (a) Dug too close to foundation and supports.
- (b) Supports removed and flooring sagging several inches.
- (c) Rubbish and scrap lumber in basement afford shelter for scorpions and rattlers.
- (d) Electric wires not insulated.
- (e) Candle lights used.
- (f) Some cellars are flooded.

He also warned not to have any bon fires, but if necessary have them on the other side of the dike.

At the request of the Navy and White, the block managers are to bring in names of all the soldiers visiting in Canal by this evening.

At the request of Mr. Hendrix of the Grounds, the block managers, with the aid of volunteers, are to shovel out loose soil in the newly plowed irrigation ditches.

All future notices of any importance will be made in duplicate so that a copy may be kept in the manager's file.

It will be asked of Mr. Iwanaga of the Red Cross for the report on the progress made toward purchase of first aid kits in block manager's office.

Mr. Harry Miyake, the former Butte Central Block Manager, was introduced. He returned very recently from an extended tour of midwestern states. He made a special study on relocation of family groups and this could only be <sup>done by</sup> resettling on the farms. The farming conditions and prospects, in general, are favorable but in order to carry out this program of resettlement in a large scale, we must have further WRA aid and federal understanding on some of the difficult problems.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : August 6, 1943  
Time : 9:00 @ 10:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

At the request of Dr. Wm. Furuta, the Canal Block Managers have unanimously voted to endorse the movement of receiving contributions for buying textbooks for nurse's aides, who are to receive their certificates at a ceremony in the very near future. Approximately \$200 is needed for the purchase of 75 books and contribution of 10 cents per unit for both camps is sufficient. Money collected is to be turned in to this office by Monday, August 9, 1943.

Paint for shower room wall is at the Public Works. It was decided to start in painting from Block #3 as soon as paint and equipment are available.

Mr. Hoffman underwent an operation at the Butte Hospital. To extend our sympathies, the Block Managers have decided to send Kono and Yahanda to visit him with a nice bouquet of fresh flowers, if available, and if not, artificial flowers.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : August 16, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place : Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Kirihara, Mr. Iwanaga, Mrs. Hanamoto, and Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sogawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26) and Roy Emoto (27).

ABSENT: Mr. Saimoto

Contributions made by the Canal residents toward the purchase of textbooks amounted to total of \$108.35.

Block Managers unanimously voted to give their whole-hearted service to those residents of Canal who are going to Tule Lake. It is hoped that those who are to go should feel free to ask for any service from the Block Managers.

Public Works will be asked to put a concrete base at the bottom of the shower room walls.

During the time of painting shower room walls, the adjoining blocks are asked to keep open their shower rooms all day and night to accommodate residents of the blocks so affected.

Mr. Iwanaga of the Red Cross was introduced. He promised that the Red Cross will provide any and all materials which the Hospital will not provide whenever the blocks have their improvised First Aid Kits ready. Suggestion was made by the Block Managers that the Red Cross fund should be given to the group going to Tule Lake in proportionate amount.

Administration will be asked to put out a statement announcing procedure for segregation of evacuees outlined by WRA if the pamphlets, both in English and Japanese, are not available in the immediate future.

Mr. Robison will be asked to inspect coolers immediately.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGER'S MEETING

Date : Monday, August 23, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place : Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Iwanaga, Mrs. Hanamoto, Mr. Kirihara, Mr. Saimoto, Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hira-tsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Yoshio Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

Mr. Iwanaga of the Red Cross and Mr. Morishige reported that the Hospital through Miss Peterson will provide us with articles necessary for the first aid cabinets. The Red Cross will furnish hot water and ice bags and other things not provided by the Hospital. The Block Managers will make their own cabinets approximately of the following dimension: Height 24" width 10"; depth 10".

A change was made in the shower room hours as follow;  
Saturdays open 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.  
7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday through Friday open 4:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Laundry rooms will be open 24 hours.

Japanese translation of our new Constitution is ready and will be distributed to the members of the Community Council, Block Council Chairman, Block Managers, and Committee on Constitution. A few extras are also distributed to each block.

Requisition will be put in for an enamel wash basin to each block for first aid purposes.

A suggestion will be made to proper Division to encourage cultivation of broom corn. This is necessitated by the broom shortage not only this Center but also this is felt outside as well.

The shortage of soap in this Center is very acute. Something must be done to solve this problem. The Administration will be asked to cooperate in this matter as this is important next to the food supply.

The quality of milk supplied to the mess hall was subject of considerable discussion. It was decided to ask for a report and opinion of Dr. Furuta on the micro-organism content and handling of milk to this project.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, August 30, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Wolters, Mr. Omachi, Mr. Kiriwara, Mrs. Hanamoto, Mr. Saimoto and Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratauka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

Joe Omachi explained the highlights of the new Constitution to be voted on this evening. He suggested the method and procedure for conducting the meeting tonight. If adopted by majority of voters, the nomination of candidates for Community Council should be in order.

Mr. Wolter suggested that the temporary secretary for tonight's meeting should keep the following on his minutes:

- (a) Number of persons present at the time of voting.
- (b) Number of persons voted "yes"
- (c) Number of persons voted "no"
- (d) Number of persons casted no vote
- (e) Keep names of the nominees.

Committee on Red Cross was appointed and approved by all Block Managers: F. Yanagihara and H. Hiratsuka.

Mr. Hoffman expressed his appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the Block Managers especially during his three weeks' absence on account of illness.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, September 6, 1943  
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Shelly, Mr. Kirihara, Mrs. Hanamoto and Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Ray Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27)

The dead line on registration for general elction is set for Thursday, September 9, 1:00 p.m.

Voting hours (Sept. 14, 1943) 7:30 a.m. to noon; 4:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.  
Ballots will be ready by coming Wednesday or Thursday.

A small remembrance will be presented to Mr. Saimoto, Our Property Supervisor, who is leaving Tuesday for Omaha, Nebraska.

Joining with the Community Councilmen and Block Chairmen, the Block Managers are also giving a small remembrance to Dr. Furuta, Chief of Sanitation and Supervisor of Butte Hospital laboratory, who is going to Chicago, Illinois on Tuesday. We wish them God-speed.

Mr. Fisher will be contacted asking him to notify blocks in advance when water is available for those blocks.

Mr. Shelly notified the managers that a segregation consultant should be appointed for each block. His duty is to see that all notices, informations etc. be given to segregants and give services in every way possible. The Block Managers will assume this responsibility except where Block Managers himself is going to Tule Lake, then in this case someone will be appointed by the Block Managers. These consultants will meet with Dr. Brown on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Canal Administration and get more informations and further instructions.

Soap tickets will be distributed to the Block Managers either today or tomorrow and the sale will be on from Thursday until Saturday.

Mr. Kono made a brief financial report on baseball games with the San Jose Zebras from Heart Mt. and took this opportunity to thank all block managers for their splendid cooperation.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date : Monday, Sept. 13, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Place : Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Fukuzawa, Mr. Kirihaara, Mrs. Hanamoto, George Okai, Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

ABSENT: Block Manager Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20).

Concrete pipes distributed to the blocks are to be put in at once for irrigation purposes.

The Block Managers will resume their afternoon duty in the manager's office instead of at their residences as heretofore. This is effective from this date.

Mr. Hoffman is asked to check up on why the evacuees must pay their express charges by Post Office money order instead of by cash. This new ruling not only causes delay in delivery but also adds extra cost of buying money order.

Election posters are to be distributed to each block at once.

The burners for water heaters in each block should be inspected at regular intervals and serviced where needed. A suggestion will be made to the Administration for creation of such a job or detail such person to call at each block from time to time.

A mimeographed notice will be sent to each segregant family requiring them to leave all government property and check them in with their own block manager before leaving the Center.

Epidemic of rabies is anticipated in this Center and for the protection of the general public all dog owners in Canal Community are requested to cooperate. All dog owners are required to keep dogs, licensed or not, tied securely on their own premises during the time in which investigation and check up will be made as to rabies inoculation. All loose dogs found regardless of licensed or inoculated will be destroyed by the Internal Security after Sept. 15, 8:00 a.m. All dogs must be inoculated at once. Those who have not yet done so, must apply to Internal Security at once.

Project Steward has been requested to prepare special menu on Sept. 29 as a send-off dinner for the segregants in all Mess Halls.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager

# MINUTES OF THE CANAL BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date : Monday, September 20, 1943  
Time : 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room, Ad. Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, T. Yahanda. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Mr. Iwanaga, Mr. Kirihara, Mrs. Hanamoto, Geo Okai, Block Managers Thomas Fujii (3), Yasuo Toriumi (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Hiroji Hashimoto (6), Si Ishimaru (7), George Shimazu (8), Harry Kono (9), Robert Morishige (10), Koichi Kishi (16), Hiroshi Hiratsuka (20), Raymond Sagawa (21), Masato Minami (22), Kay Tagami (23), Harry Yoshimura (24), Kenichi Sumida (25), Fujimi Yanagihara (26), and Roy Emoto (27).

The following persons have been recommended to us for appointment: Ritsuo Takeuchi for Block Manager #22 replacing M. Minami. Masao Umemoto for Block Manager #24 replacing Y. Yoshimura.

The Employment Division has a new ruling that in no case shall an assistant Block Manager be assigned who is either a son, daughter, or wife of the Block Manager.

Cooperation of evacuees in the Third War Loan Drive has been asked by the Casa Grande Bank. After a short discussion on the subject it was decided to refer the matter to the Community Council to take part in as one of their first projects after inauguration.

As a representative of the local Red Cross Unit, Mr. Iwanaga presented to all blocks hot water bags and ice bags for their first aid cabinet. Other necessary materials will be furnished by the Hospital.

All Block Managers who have not yet completed making First Aid cabinets are requested to do so at once.

Reduction in number of assistant Block Managers created a problem of redistribution, that is, approximately one assistant to every two blocks. In order to be fair and satisfactory to all concerned the matter was tabled till the next Block Managers meeting.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Hirano, Secretary  
Central Block Manager  
Canal Community

MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Date: September 21, 1943

Time: 7:30 to 9:20 p.m.

Place: Council Chamber - Canal Administration Building

The first meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Mr. Hoffman, Deputy Project Director. Roll call showed the following members present:

PRESENT: Mr. Bennett, Project Director, Mr. Hoffman, Dep. Proj. Director  
M. Sano (3), Ted Fujikuni (4), Shigehisa Nakagaki (5)  
F. Sasaki (6), Earl Tanaka, (7), Roy Nakata (8), Ben  
Iida (9), Frank Totsubo (10), C. Nishi (16), Ben Fuku-  
zawa (20), Henry Yoshimi (21), Tetsu Mori (23),  
K. Otsuka (24), Mats Ando (26), T. Mori (27)

ABSENT: Tad Horiuchi (25)- due to wife being in the hospital.

Mats Ando was unanimously elected as temporary chairman until the election of permanent officers.

The Oath of Office was then administered by the Project Director, Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett outlined the general responsibilities of the Council. Under this Constitution, the Council has a great deal of responsibility and considerable power. The Temporary Council up to now was only temporary which hesitated to take the responsibility that we expect the Permanent Council to take. After a year in this Center many of the primary Administrative difficulties have ended. A year ago we had the problem of fixing up the camp, heating and then cooling, and welfare and readjustment of the people had to be considered. We were all strangers to each other. Now most of us have settled down and after segregation we will be even more settled. The functions of this Council will be just about the same as an ordinary Council outside. The Administration is very anxious to turn over to the Council all the functions covered by the Constitution and cooperate with the Council in every way for the good of the Community. It is our hope that we will then have to take only a minimum amount of responsibility for community problem. The Council after it has been established and its officers elected should review and discuss the various rules that have been established by the Administration and then feel perfectly free to recommend changes. Once the Council has studied the procedure the Administration has followed, recommended the changes and secured the necessary approval, then it should be largely responsible for the internal operations of the Camp.

A representative of the Administration should be invited to the Council meetings. His position will be that of an Advisor. Whenever there is a question concerning the Administration, he should be here to answer it. For example, Mr. Terry could be here when there is a discussion on laws. Up to now, the Administration

has conducted the courts but under this Constitution, it is one of your duties to set up a Judicial Commission which will take care of necessary court proceedings.

The Council is responsible to see that there is law and order in the Community. This camp has been most orderly and the legal or the court side has been a simple thing. However, serious problems may arise, so a great deal of care should be taken in choosing the three members of Judicial Commission. This Commission has considerable power and may at times be subject to criticism in upholding that power.

We have lots of confidence in this Council. After segregation this camp will be even a more peaceful place and a very productive one. A large majority will stay and we may receive many more persons, we do not know yet. Every indication is that the operation of the Center will be on a very pleasant basis.

Good luck to you!

The election of officers was postponed to the next meeting in order to provide opportunity for each member to get better acquainted.

Time of Meeting: Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the Canal Administration Building. The time of regular meetings and how often it will meet will be decided then.

#### Resignations:

H. Aoyagi, who was elected as a representative of Block #5 resigned due to relocation. Shigehisa Nakagaki filled his vacancy having received the next highest votes. This was approved by the Chairman. Kelly Matsumura, a representative of Block #22, submitted a written resignation due to personal reasons. Action on this was postponed to the next meeting.

The amount of \$8.92 was turned over to the Community Council by the Treasurer of the Temporary Community Council.

In order to get better acquainted with the members of the Council, a self-introduction was given.

A short discussion on Judicial Commission followed:

For the last four months, there has been no serious case of trouble in Canal stated Ben Fukuzawa.

It was then suggested that each block representative select one person from his block whom they think will be capable to serve on the Judicial Commission. Mr. Hoffman stated that there have been very few cases to try in Canal. However, such things as gambling, minor theft, juvenile delinquency, and controlling various morale questions of the Community are matters upon which

the Council and Judicial Commission would decide. Mr. Ben Fukuzawa stated that there have been very few of these cases in Canal and that people are cooperating with Internal Security. They are getting used to this life. Internal Security has confidence in the people and the people in Internal Security. People know that they can't run away from this confinement and youngsters who formed gangs, disbanded because of various boys' activities, such as Boy Scouts, Boys' Clubs, Y.M.C.A., etc. He expressed the opinion that selecting members of the Judicial Commission is very important. He attended many of the cases which Mr. Bennett and Mr. Hoffman handled and all of those instances were handled with fairness and with firmness. Cases of retaliation have to be handled firmly but not too harshly. He stated that this Center has a very good record and is considered one of the best centers.

Mr. Hoffman then spoke a few words outlining the difference between the duties and responsibilities of the Council and those of the Block Managers, and emphasized the importance of the individual members, thinking of themselves as representing the Community at large as well as the blocks, and being concerned with matters of policy and general community welfare.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emiko Dotemoto  
Acting Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Date: September 29, 1943  
Time: 7:30 - 10:15 p.m.  
Place: Council Chamber - Canal Administration Building

The meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Temporary Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call showed the following members present:

PRESENT: Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Wolter, M. Sano (3), Ted Fujikuni (4) Shigehisa Nakagaki (6), Earl Tanaka, (7), Geo. Shimazu (Temp) (8)(in place of Roy Nakata, who relocated), Ben Iida (9), Frank Totsubo (10), Dr. Nishi (16), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry Yoshimi (21), Tetsu Mori (23), K. Otsuka (24) Geo. Horiuchi (25), Mats Ando (26), T. Mori (27)

Election of permanent officers was held. The following members were nominated:

		No. of Votes
Chairman:	Mats Ando	10
Vice Chairman:	Frank Sasaki	8
	Geo. Horiuchi	2
Secretary:	Ben Fukuzawa	3
	Geo. Horiuchi	8
Treasurer:	Earl Tanaka	9
	Tetsu Mori	2
	Frank Totsubo	0

The following were elected:

Chairman:	Mats Ando
Vice Chairman:	Frank Sasaki
Secretary:	Geo. Horiuchi
Treasurer:	Earl Tanaka

A discussion on Judicial Commission followed. Since the Judicial Commission acts under and within the power of the Council it was decided not take any immediate and hasty steps toward the appointment of members until further and careful study. Suggestions were made by some members to increase the number of members on the Judicial Commission, but was decided that we should have the opinion of the Constitution Committee, whereby Mr. Omachi be invited to attend our next meeting and explain to us the motive of limiting the number to three.

The most important problem of the Council at present is to sell itself and the organization and operation of the project, to the people in the Community. The primary objective is to increase the evacuees' interest in the Judicial Commission. The Council can be recognized through its actions and the work it does for the welfare of the Community.

A letter from John Provinse, Chief Community Management of WRA in Washington was read by the Chairman. It was in regard to the increase in our clothing allowance equal to that of the centers in the colder areas. It stated that for the present time it is not feasible to increase such allowance for Gila.

Also a letter from Mr. Provinse referring to the cancellation of the Administration Instruction #34, <sup>Section 4a</sup> Paragraph 4a, was read. Some discussion was had as to the advisability of recommending to Washington the restoration of the privilege to license private business within the center as a regulatory measure. During the discussion it was suggested to have Mr. Ikenoue, General Manager of the Consumers Enterprise, give us his opinion of the present conditions of private business under the existing Coop and outside of Coop. Earl Tanaka made a motion that it is desirable for the Council to recommend to Washington the restoration of Administration Instruction #34, Paragraph 4a. It was seconded by Frank Totsubo and the motion was carried unanimously.

A memorandum was received from Mr. Wolter concerning the Third War Bond Drive. All were in favor of giving whole-hearted support to the National Emergency. Ben Iida and Shigehisa Nakagaki were appointed co-chairmen to contact Mr. Yahanda, Central Block Manager, and decide upon the means of getting this Drive over successfully.

In the very near future, since there will be a serious reduction of medical doctors due to relocation, it was suggested by Mr. Wolter to propose the following resolutions: (1) The WRA Hospitals be placed under the direction of U. S. Public Health Service and (2) the interned doctors be made available to relocation centers to perform medical services upon need. Earl Tanaka made a motion to make the above resolutions if possible. It was seconded by Frank Totsubo and the motion was carried unanimously.

Time of Regular Meeting: Earl Tanaka made a motion to have our regular meetings held every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Canal Administration Building. It was seconded by Frank Totsubo and the motion was carried unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emiko Dotemoto  
Acting Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : October 5, 1943  
Time : 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Council Chamber, Canal Administration Building

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call showed the following members present:

PRESENT: Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Wolter, Mr. Omachi, M. Sano (3), Ted Fujikuni (4), Shigehisa Nakagaki (5), Frank Sasaki (6), Earl Tanaka (7), Masao Omoto (8), Ben Iida (9), Frank Totsubo (10), Dr. Nishi (16), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry Yoshimi (21), Tetsu Mori (23), K. Otsuka (24), Geo. Horiuchi (25), Mats Ando (26), T. Mori (27).

A written resignation of Kelly Matsumura was read by Chairman Ando. George Kawahara, who received the next highest number of votes in Block 22, was appointed to fill his vacancy. This was approved by the Council. Since Mr. Nakata, the elected representative of Block 8 has left on seasonal leave, Tetsu Mori, made a motion to have Masao Omoto represent Block 8 until Mr. Nakata returns. It was seconded by Frank Totsubo and the motion was carried unanimously.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read by Secretary Horiuchi and approved.

Mr. Omachi, one of the members of the Constitution Committee explained in detail the reason for limiting the number of members on the Judicial Commission to three. The Constitution Committee felt that since the Judicial Commission is similar to the Justice Court of California whose jurisdiction is very limited to minor cases, such a large number would be too cumbersome and furthermore, it would be very difficult to select a large number of people from both communities who are capable for the job. The committee felt that it would be easy to select three for each community as the Constitution definitely sets minimum qualifications of 25 years of age, a resident of the community, a person of morale character, and also has the ability to master the English language sufficiently to perform his duties. The committee felt that it would be advisable, before appointing any members on the Judicial Commission, to draft the law and order codes governing the community. This can be done by appointing a committee. He also stated that it would be applicable for the Council, since it takes over the administration of self-government, to appoint a committee to control such problems as Health, Sanitation, Fire Protection, etc.

Mr. Hoffman gave a short report of the first meeting of the Butte Council. He stated that there was no discussion on the Judicial Commission yet. The meeting was mostly concerned with the introduction of members - 29 block representatives - to get better acquainted among themselves.

#### Executive Board

The duties of the Executive Board shall be to coordinate the activities of the Council with those of the Butte Council. Tetsu Mori made a motion that Chairman Mats Ando and Secretary Geo. Horiuchi of the Council be appointed on the Executive Board. It was seconded by Frank Totsubo and the motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Nishi brought up the problem of an acute shortage of pharmacists and that we make a recommendation to the WRA asking for more pharmacists in this camp to relieve Mr. Ishikawa, who is the only registered pharmacist in this camp. His work has gotten to a point where it is beyond his reach. It was decided to have some members of the Council make a thorough check up as to what are urgently needed at the present in the Hospital, such as medicinal supplies, pharmacists, doctors, etc.

Shig Nakagaki gave a short report on the Third War Bond Drive. At the recent Block Managers' Meeting he distributed the posters and application blanks to each block manager. Mr. Wolter has requested to San Francisco Office for more posters.

Mr. Omachi, a representative of the Board of Com. Enterprises, stated that the Coop is very much interested in having many of these private business operating within this camp, particularly the type of business the Coop already furnishes, such as barber, peddling goods, etc., be stopped. The Coop has been waiting for the Council to be organized before it takes any action.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : Tuesday, October 12, 1943  
Time : 1:40 to 3:45 p.m.  
Place: Council Chambers, Administration Building

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. L. H. Bennett, Mr. H. W. Wolter, Councilmen  
Masuzo Sano (3), Ted Fujikuni (4), Frank Sasaki (6),  
K. Kirihara (7), Masao Omoto (8), Ben Iida (9), Frank  
Totsubo (10), Dr. Nishi (16), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry  
Yoshimi (21), George Kawahara (22), Tetsuzo Mori (23),  
Kensi Otsuka (24), Geo. Horiuchi (25), Mats Ando (26),  
and Tamijiro Mori (27).

Councilmen Shig Nakagaki (5) and Earl Tanaka (7) left the project this morning. The chairman appointed K. Kirihara, next highest in votes, to replace Earl Tanaka until he returns. The next person to receive the most number of votes in Block 5 was not available today so the appointment will be made at the next council meeting. Ted Fujikuni was appointed ~~as~~ as treasurer of the Council with their approval. The chairman turned over \$8.92 to the new treasurer.

Mr. Bennett asked the Council whether they had given any thought to block consolidation. He stated that the population of both camps is now 9200 but that at the end of the year it would be down to 8500 due to the third movement of segregants and the seasonal and indefinite leaves. Our budget is based on the population at \$1.20 per day per person. Mr. Bennett told the Council that he had written a letter to Mr. Myer asking what plans he had in store for Rivers, whether he intended to close Canal Camp, if the population came down to 8500 and whether there was any chance of other people coming into this camp from other camps. He asked for a reply by October 15 if possible. Mr. Bennett suggested that the Council and Block Managers take the lead in consolidating the blocks or in finding some way of cutting the expense of running the camp so that there would have to be no moving of people. He felt that the people would accept this better than if the administration took charge. However, one member felt that the people would not move unless it was through an administrative order. Mr. Bennett suggested that there might be an alternative from consolidating the blocks if a few mess halls were closed and the people living in blocks where mess halls were closed would go to the adjoining mess halls. In this way no one would have to move and expense would be cut in closing a few mess halls.

Mr. Sasaki suggested that each councilmen talk this over with his block members. Each councilmen could ask the people in

his block whether they would rather move to another block and eat in his own mess hall or keep living where they were and to eat at an adjoining mess hall. Mr. Bennett also stated than in making any kind of a decision the fact that there are 3200 stoves on the project should be kept in mind. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

The Chairman appointed the following committees which would keep the Council informed on the progress of each division.

1. Health and sanitation. Tetsu Mori

This member would also sit in on the Board of Health which was formed last week in Butte. This board would consist of someone from this council and Butte Council, 2 men from the administration (not connected with the hospital), 2 men from the hospital, and other members who would not have the power to vote but would take part in the discussion. The purpose of this Board is to make recommendations on how the hospital should be run. Eventually it is hoped that the WRA will give this board administrative powers.

2. Food and Nutrition. Mr. Tamijiro Mori and Dr. Nishi
3. Agriculture. Mr. Yoshimi and Omoto
4. Labor and Employment. Mr. Iida and Sano
5. Recreation. Mr. Omoto and Fujikuni
6. Housing and Grounds. Mr. Horiuchi and Otsuka
7. Community Enterprise. Mr. Totsubo and Sasaki
8. Education. Mr. Otsuka and Sano
9. Finance. Mr. Fujikuni and Sasaki
10. Social Welfare. Dr. Nishi and Mr. Tamijiro Mori
11. Law and Order. Mr. Fukuzawa and Iida
12. Fire Prevention. Mr. Kirihara and Kawahara
13. Public Relations. Mr. Sasaki, Kirihara, and Horiuchi

Mr. Wolter suggested this procedure for the committee:

1. Set up objective. What do we want to accomplish?
2. Analysis
3. Work out method
4. After a certain period of time see what has been accomplished.

Mr. Wolter than gave a detailed and interesting report on his trip to Tule Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

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George Horiuchi, Secretary,  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : October 19, 1943  
Time : 1:45 to 4:30 p.m.  
Place: Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. H. W. Wolter, Mr. T. Yahanda, Mr. J. Omachi, Councilmen Ted Fujikuni (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Frank Sasaki (6), K. Kiriara (7), Masao Omoto (8), Ben Iida (9), Frank Totsubo (10), Dr. Nishi (16), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry Yoshimi (21), George Kawahara (22), Tets Mori (23), Kensi Otsuka (24), Geo. T. Horiuchi (25), Mats Ando (26), and Tamijiro Mori (27).

ABSENT : Councilmen Masuzo Sano (3).

Due to the absence of our councilmen from Block 5 who has gone out on seasonal leave, Mr. Aoyagi will take his place during his absence.

Mr. Wolter stated that word had been received from Mr. Hoffman from Washington regarding the disposition of our camp here. No definite or official statement was made but in all probability it is very likely that additional people will be sent to Gila River from two small centers or from one large center. Mr. Wolter felt that one point should be discussed and that is, if additional people should come in how would they be distributed--in blocks or all over the whole camp. When the councilmen all agreed that readjusting of families should be done as quickly as possible so that the number of vacant rooms would be available, Mr. Yahanda explained to the councilmen that all movements were now frozen and no moves could be made now except in an emergency. Mr. Wolter stated that he would see that the ban was lifted in order that people may move to larger or smaller quarters as was necessary.

Mr. Wolter stated that there were a few people in Rivers who were not in group 3 and who are engaged in anti-american activities. These people are citizens and he asked the help of the community council in stamping this out. This matter was discussed to great length. It was thought that an ordinance could be passed which would make this an offense and then the Judicial Commission, after a fair trial, could recommend to the Project Director that he be sent to Tule Lake. This matter was tabled until next week.

Mr. Omachi reported on the progress on the codification of ordinances. He stated that the committee was not through and were still working on it. He also stated that we should have ordinances covering Health and Sanitation, Fire and Traffic. In this way our laws could be enforced. This matter was also tabled.

The Committee on Community Enterprise was asked to contact the Com. Enterprise to see about unauthorized private practice and business.

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One member brought up the matter of dairy workers who are going to work on the farm. These people are not experienced and the Appointed Personnel on the farm does not give them fair treatment. consequently, the workers quit. There is a great shortage of labor on the farm and if the workers quit, the community would suffer. The committee on agriculture will look into this matter.

The matter of playgrounds for each block was brought up. The CAS needs financial aid from the public. One councilman suggested we contact the Red Cross for aid.

A letter was received from Poston stating that they had organized a Marriage Bureau and suggesting that we have one here. The committee on Social Service will see if one is necessary in this community.

Internal Security reports that they do not have enough cars to meet emergencies. This<sup>is</sup> also true with the Hospital. It is very necessary that we have enough cars to take care of the evacuees, especially with the shortage of doctors here. An understanding should be made with the administration as to how many cars will be allotted to certain divisions. The Internal Security and the Hospital needs cars 24 hours a day. The Chairman will look into this matter and report on it next week.

The meeting was adjourned by general consent.

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : October 26, 1943  
Time : 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Place : Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. H. W. Wolter, Councilmen Ted Fujikuni (4), Allen Aoyagi (5) Frank Sasaki (6), K. Kirihara (7), Masao Omoto (8), Ben Iida (9), Frank Totsubo (10), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry Yoshimi (21), George Kawahara (22), Tetsuzo Mori (23), Kensi Otsuka (24), George Horiuchi (25), Mats Ando (26), and T. Mori (27).

ABSENT : Councilmen Masuzo Sano (3), and Dr. Nishi (16).

A report on the Agriculture committee was made by Henry Yoshimi. He contacted Mr. Emrick about workers being shoved around by the appointed personnel. Mr. Emrick stated that there had been no such case to his knowledge. The workers must have misunderstood. He also stated that the dairy does need workers but does not want inexperienced people who are unwilling to work. The committee feels that this problem will work itself out in the near future.

A report was then given by Mr. Sasaki on Community Enterprise. Their main concern seems to be with the private barbers. Unless these private practices are closed down the barber shop in Block 16 will keep on losing money. They run short of \$100 each month in Canal alone. Butte seems to be breaking even. It was suggested that barber shops be open in different blocks uniformly throughout the camp. In this way there would be more business as one of the main objections seems to be that it is too far to go to Block 16. Also there seems to be a few unlicensed barbers working. It was suggested that these people be put out and licensed barbers be put in. The licensed barbers also have their own equipment. It was decided that the Canal Community Enterprise Committee meet with the Butte Community Enterprise Committee in working out regulations.

Tetsu Mori reported on the question raised last week about dirty milk and found that the milk is dirty. The containers are supposed to be very clean so it must come direct from the dairy. He checked with Mr. Seater who said he would try to check on it, but he also stated that it was our only source of milk.

Mr. K. Kirihara reported on the fire in Block 26. He said that the Fire Dept. should be commended for their fine work. After the phone call the firemen were at the scene of the fire in three minutes. Everyone in the block tried to help with the fire extinguishers but no one person thought to use the chemical solution in the bulb which is placed in every end room. It was decided that Mr. Kawahara ask the Fire Chief to show the people how to use the chemical fire extinguisher during an intermission at a movie. Internal Security also reports that there are some kind of fire hazard in each block. He asked the councilmen to notify his block not to burn rubbish or build bon fires.

Mats Ando reported on a meeting concerning the United War Relief Fund Drive. It was suggested that everyone on the Project put in one day's wages. Our goal is \$750, anything over this will be used by the local clubs and organizations. Mr. Wolter explained about the Drive. Three particular groups would benefit by it: Armed Forces and United Seamen's Service. Relief of people who have lost their homes through war. Prisoner of War Relief.

The Council went on record in support of the United War Fund Drive. The Council also went on record to have only 2 general fund raising solicitations a year here. One for Red Cross and one for the United War Fund Drive.

It was moved and seconded that the Community Council authorized the legislative committee to draw up an ordinance to the effect that a recommendation would be made to the Project Director as to the disposition of anyone found guilty of unamerican activities. The motion was carried unanimously.

The committee on Food and Nutrition will look into the matter of points on food and the matter of foodstuffs received on the project. There will be a joint meeting of the Mess Operations Staff and Councilmen to discuss the situation of food.

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 5:00 p.m.

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Date : November 2, 1943  
Time : 1:40 to 4:30 p.m.  
Place: Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made.

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Mr. Ben F. Runyan, Councilmen Masuzo Sano (3), Ted Fujikuni (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Frank Sasaki (6), K. Kirihara (7), Ben Iida (9), Frank Totsubo (10), Dr. Nishi (16), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry Yoshimi (21), George Kawahara (22), Kensi Otsuka (24), George Horiuchi (25), Mats Ando (26), and T. Mori (27).

ABSENT : Councilmen Masao Omoto (8) and Tetsuzo Mori (23).

Report by Mr. Sasaki on the joint meeting with evacuee mess operation staff

Due to consistent reports that the mess operation staff was not operating successfully due to a rift in the feeling between evacuee staff and the division head, the Council called a hearing. The following is the substance of the testimony submitted.

1. A feeling that the division head does not want to work in cooperation with the evacuee staff is an opinion fairly well held by the biggest majority of the representative of the mess division present.
2. Any type of recommendations or suggestions brought to the division head such as: improvements in the garbage situation, selection of foods more adapted to Japanese, improvements in worn out kitchen equipments and etc, are turned down without proper hearing or consideration.
3. The attitude of the division head towards the evacuee staff cited. On some occasions, when a member of a evacuee staff was engaged in a very important conversation with the division head and if slightly interrupted by another Caucasian, the division head would walk off and engage the Caucasian in a long and seemingly endless conversation leaving the evacuee flat.
4. Last of the testimonies submitted indicate that the division head's attitude has changed considerably during the recent weeks and operation of the mess division is better.
5. The mess operation evacuee staff desired the Council to look into this matter of evacuee staff - division head relationship with the idea to improve conditions.

The Council accepted Mr. Sasaki's report. In view of the fact that only evacuee persons were present at the hearing due consideration must be given to the one-sidedness of the testimonies submitted. And considering the fact that the later testimonies indicated that the division head's attitude was improving, the Council felt that any rash action was out of order, but it felt very strongly that a creation of a mess operation board would be very appropriate. The Board could meet with the division head and offer suggestions or recommendations and on

the other hand, it would be able to relay any difficulties or problems from the division head to the Council and the community. The creation of such a board would undoubtedly solve many of the problems and misunderstandings in the division.

Mr. Runyan, assistant project director in charge of Administrative Division was introduced and asked to explain the work of his division relating to the financial and of operating this project. Mr. Runyan reports that:

He was in Washington when the budget was made out for 1943-1944 fiscal year. Such budgets are made out as early as the December preceding. Each budget from a center is sent into the Washington office and there totaled into one large budget, after which it is submitted to five men of the Bureau of Budgets. Five men representing the W.R.A. appear with the budget to justify all money called ~~off~~ for therein. The five men representing the Bureau of Budgets, scrutinize all items and make an attempt to whittle down the amount of money called for. They usually do, after which the decreased budget is taken back to the W.R.A. and worked over so that new allotments can be reallocated to different divisions. If the reallocation is successful, the Bureau of Budget passes this allotment after which Congress is asked to act upon it, which they usually do but sometimes they even whittle in which case it becomes necessary for the W.R.A. to plead and whine for the full allotment. The money which is allotted will be distributed to the various centers on a quarterly basis. However, some responsible quarters discovered the W.R.A. Relocation program and realized that as the evacuees went out of the centers, it would not be necessary to allocate as much money as first allotted. Thus, the W.R.A. is working on a "controlled reserve basis." This system makes it possible for the Bureau of Budgets to withdraw from the original allotment any amount of money they see that we do not need. Since at the original time of allocation the amount of money allotted to the W.R.A. amounted to \$1.20 per individual per day, the operation of the centers are based on this arbitrary figure and as relocation proceeds allotments given to centers are based upon the number of evacuees living therein multiplied by \$1.20 for each day for expenses.

The mess operations is included in the administrative management division. Various vegetable and food products are grown in many centers and consumed there; any surplus being shipped out to other centers. When Gila Receives \$10,000 worth of vegetables or food products from any other center, the budget for our food allotment is cut down by \$10,000.

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The budget is broken down into eleven objective classifications by three divisions: Operations, Community Management, and Administrative Management. All jobs in the projects including those filled by Caucasians and evacuees must be approved by Washington office, and if when approved money covering the wages is sent in.

If certain departments or divisions run short of money and if another division or department have a surplus on hand, funds may be transferred from one division to another provided it meets with certain qualifications set up in Washington. Qualifications are usually met

but in most occasions no surplus exist in any of the departments.

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Mr. Runyan explained the procedure of clothing allowance checks. Delays which the evacuees have suffered in receipt of checks were due to lack of sufficient evacuee help in the finance department due to Relocation of original workers. Another delay being that the Government payroll division in Los Angeles was shifting its operations from a manual to mechanical system and as a result, some delay was unavoidable. However, efforts are being expended here to expedite clearing of all necessary papers so that residents here may receive their checks at least by the 15th of the following month. A discussion of his report followed.

Since Mr. Runyan was chief of the Mess Operations Division the matter of food was brought into discussion. He stated that henceforth all menus will be submitted to Dr. Lawson for her checking. The matter of food stuffs suitable to Japanese was brought up by G. Kawahara. Mr. Runyan replied that he felt that the bread which was being procured for the project was not satisfactory and desired to obtain it from another source. Mr. Kawahara replied that as a rule, Japanese do not consume great amounts of bread and thus, much of it was going to waste. It was not the quality of the bread but that the evacuees would rather have other food suited to their tastes at no more or at same cost. Mr. Runyan felt that a Board which was suggested earlier in the meeting would be a very appropriate organ to bring up and discuss such problems that the administration may not conceive. He recommended the formation of such a Board of Mess Operations.

Chairman Ando asked the cooperation of all Councilmen in the War Rund Drive starting tonight. Mrs. Peddy will be located at the High School Office to distribute tags and collect the money gathered by the Block Managers, Councilmen and two representatives from the Beneficiary Group.

George Kawahara made a report about the conversation with Fire Chief Brightwell. Kawahara requested the Fire Chief to explain to the residents the manner of use of the chemical fire extinguisher, but in the course of the conversation, it developed that the chemical fire extinguisher was not very satisfactory.

Chairman Ando made a report on the Relocation meeting held at Butte, at which time various problems relating to the hindrance of Relocation were discussed. Mr. Fukushima of Butte, brought out some pertinent reasons why many people, especially family groups, resisted relocation. One reason was the inadequacy of financial means, but the other reason was more or less psychological. He brought out the fact that relocation stressed scattering the Japanese people here and there throughout the whole United States. He felt that when Japanese move into a community and isolate themselves from other Japanese groups, there will be a psychological condition which most Japanese groups will not relish or enjoy and as a consequence they hesitate to move out.

One Council member brought up the question of the lack of sufficient ambulance service for those needing it at unusual hours. The question was left up to the member of the Hospital Board to bring up for discussion at the next Hospital Board meeting.

The question of whether a Marriage Bureau (like the one proposed in Poston) was desirable here was brought up for discussion. The problem was turned over to the Committee on Social Service which felt it somewhat unnecessary.

Meeting was adjourned by general consent at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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## MINUTES

### CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1943  
Time : 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Place : Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. H. W. Wolter, Mr. H. E. Keadle, Councilmen Masuzo Sano (3), Ted Fujikuni (4), Allen Aoyagi (5), Frank Sasaki (6), K. Kiri-hara (7), Ben Iida (9), Frank Totsubo (10), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry Yoshimi (21), George Kawhara (22), Tetsuzo Mori (23), Kensi Otsuka (24), G. Horiuchi (25), and Mats Ando (27).

ABSENT : Masao Omoto (8), Dr. C. Nishi (16), and T. Mori (27).

#### Community Chest Fund

The Chairman stated that two councilmen from Canal together with members from Butte were needed to act as trustees for the Community Chest Fund which was collected in the drive beginning November 1. The duties of the trustees are to receive, hold, and allocate to various recipient organizations the balance of the fund collected after \$755 was sent to the National War Fund Drive. Ted Fujikuni and Ben Iida were appointed to represent Canal as the trustees for the Community Chest.

#### Labor Relations

Upon request from the Butte Council that our Labor Relations Committee meet with a similar committee from Butte at 7:30 p.m. at the Office of the Block Manager 31, Mr. Sano and Mr. Iida were requested to meet with them tonight. Undoubtedly the problem concerning reduction of labor in some departments will be discussed.

#### Codification Committee

Ben Fukuzawa, one of the three members of the Codification Committee, reported that the drafting of ordinances were nearly completed but he felt that it was necessary to meet with a similar committee in Butte before making a more complete report at our next meeting.

#### Community Enterprise

Frank Totsubo reported on findings regarding various individual enterprises which exists in our community. After meeting with Mr. Ikenoue, Mas Kato, and Dr. Brown it was apparent that there were various types of individual enterprises operating both in Butte and in Canal, barber shops, masseurs, beauty operators, radio repairmen, shoe repairmen, and etc. Though individual enterprise is restricted by administrative order, Mr. Totsubo feels that the fact that they exist and flourish is due to the service that they render to the community. The regulation, licensing, or the entire prohibition of the private enterprise should be taken up very cautiously.

#### Mess Operations

Mr. Keadle, Chief of Mess Operations, was asked to speak to the Council relating to various problems and difficulties that the Mess Operations are forced to face. Following are Mr. Keadle's remarks:

We are allotted 45¢ per person per day for food. For our allotment for food in the second quarter of the fiscal year, we received \$260,000 together with \$80,000 left over from the first quarter of the fiscal year, making a total of \$340,000 for the second quarter. Food which we raise on the project for our own consumption reduces our budget in accordance with the value of such food produced. All foodstuffs must be requisitioned to the Quartermaster in San Antonio 59 days in advance. Most of the food which we obtain for the center are obtained in this manner and very little is gotten outright by ourselves.

After many difficulties in the meat situation which was caused by the general scarcity of meat obtainable outside and the shift from purchasing outside meat to the use of project slaughtered meat, we are quite established as far as the supply of meat is concerned. At the present time we are slaughtering 21000 lbs of dressed weight in cattle and hogs (each week?). Due to difficulties with the OFA there was considerable delay in obtaining a slaughtering permit. According to the number of hogs and cattle we have on hand on the center we should not have any difficulty on the meat problem for the entire year.

We receive 16 points each week for each person to buy meat, cheese, shortening, oil, and etc. 48 points per month per person are received for processed food.

The project is now producing 160 gallons of milk per day. A production of 300 gallons per day is anticipated. All of this milk is going to the Butte Community. Washington offices announces that milk rationing will go into effect here. Milk at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. per person per day will be allotted to our community but only nursing mothers, pregnant women, infants up to 12 years of age, and other persons that the doctors may prescribe will be allowed access to the milk allotted to this center. Thus it will be possible to stretch the use of the milk produced here and as a consequence Canal will receive some of the locally produced milk.

For the second quarter of the fiscal year Mess Operations was allowed \$72,500 for evacuee labor. For the month of October \$25,600.15 was already spent. At this rate it is apparent that for November and December there will not be enough money to support the same number of help now on the payroll. It will be necessary to reduce our work force of 1634 people by about 210 workers in order to conform to the budget. If this is done it will be possible to save \$3100. The crew will be cut down in each kitchen by the number of people served.

\$1750 is being asked of the Washington office for the purchase of new kitchen utensils. We have no rice pans. Only obtainable substitute being dish pans that are not very satisfactory and difficult to obtain. 150 sinks have been ordered quite some time ago, however word has been received stating that we may expect them on November 25.

The per capita cost per day for food in the following months will be given below:

April	36.2	July	38.8
May	38.7	August	31.6
June	42.2	September	36.1
		October	43.7

The average cost being 37.7 per day since July 20, 1943 to October 1943. Note that during the month of August the budget was 31.6 due to the fact that not much meat was obtainable. Other months when the budget fell down was due to the fact that we produced our own vegetables or received vegetables grown in other centers.

Equipment for making tofu was purchased by Mr. Bennett recently in Los Angeles. The probable cost being less than \$500. If the equipment is in good order and satisfactory we should begin the manufacture of tofu in the immediate future. We have on hand 60,000 lbs of soy beans. Incidentally, "mochi rice" will be here some time near December 10.

#### Diet Kitchen

There will be five diet stations in Canal, operation of which will be under Mess Operations but the preparation and serving of food will be under the supervision of Dr. Lawson.

#### Family Table

In order for young children to receive proper supervision in the matter of food and eating we should try to bring about the family table system. Such a method would eliminate waste of food and improve table manner for children.

Discussion was held on Mr. Keadle's talk. One member brought out the fact that all the project milk, which was supposedly better than that obtained from outside sources, was going to Butte. He felt that Canal was being discriminated against and requested Mr. Keadle to look into this matter. Mr. Keadle agreed to do so. The question of the necessity of taking off the payroll of some 210 workers was brought into discussion. Cutting down of workers was regarded to be a very delicate subject and extremely difficult one but it was felt that if the division head held joint meetings occasionally with representatives of the evacuee staff the solution to many of these problems could be expedited. Instructions by division head to Mess supervisors and others should be written in both English and Japanese in order to accomodate those people who understand only one of the two languages. Mr. Keadle stated that his matter would be taken care of. This ended the discussion on Mess Operation

#### Transportation

The matter of the lack of cars available to the residents of the community at night was brought up for discussion. The case in which an emergency arose early one morning 3 or 4 days ago was cited. No cars were available for this emergency nor was there a telephone operator on duty and as a consequence after much delay the emergency was taken care of. Henry Yoshimi and George Horiuchi were appointed to look into the matter of making cars available for emergencies. Tetsuzo Mori will bring up this subject at the next hospital board meeting.

#### Red Cross Fund

Frank Totsubo brought up the question as to whether the Community Council Treasurer should take care of the Red Cross Fund. After some discussion it was the opinion of the majority of the councilmen that such funds should remain in the state as they are now for the present time.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by general consent.

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George Horiuchi, Secretary,  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : Tuesday, November 16, 1943  
Time : 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. H. W. Wolters, Dr. Gordon Brown, and all Councilmen except Frank Totsubo (10).

Mr. Shigehisa Nakagaki, Councilman from Block 5, and Roy Nakata, Councilman from Block 8, returned from seasonal leave. Allen Aoyagi and Masao Omoto had been temporarily taking their places respectively.

A resolution to the effect that the Chairman would execute letters of thanks to Drs. Nakano and Furuta for the services which they rendered here was left out of the minutes of the last meeting. They are therefore inserted here.

Clean-up Day

Tetsuzo Mori, council representative to the Rivers Health Board, reported that Butte Community was scheduled to hold a general Clean-up Day on November 27 and suggested that Canal Community also follow. According to anticipated plans bedding would be removed without and given a thorough sun bath and airing, grounds surrounding the barracks and mess halls would be thoroughly cleaned, ironing rooms, wash rooms, and latrines would be given a thorough going over. Inspectors will be on hand to see how the work is progressing and probably awards will be given to the block which makes the most successful clean-up. Possibly Mr. Bennett will make a personal tour to observe the progress.

Henry Yoshimi moved that a similar clean-up program as the one adopted in Butte be adopted for Canal, recommending, however, that the clean-up day be held sometime in December. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sasaki and was passed unanimously. Roy Nakata and George Kawahara were appointed as committeemen for the General Clean-up. These two men will make necessary arrangements and ask the cooperation of the Block Managers to make this program a success.

Mr. Hugo W. Wolter introduced Dr. Gordon Brown, Community Analyst. The following were the substance of his remarks. The work of the Community Analyst is to make a survey of people's reaction and their trend in thinking to various things that have a direct bearing upon the operation of the center. In order to get such information it is necessary for him to conduct many interviews for which he has a couple of evacuee assistants. To this date, however, the work that he and his assistants have conducted was mostly done in Butte, but in the future he expects to make some interviews also in Canal. Remarks which are made by people, records which are obtained from police, and any other information are compiled together to determine the trend of thought in this community. Since he is not interested in any personal opinions but rather more in the reaction of a group as a whole, no names are kept. His office is located in 51 Recreation Hall. Mr. Brown expects to

come to Canal at least once a week and desires an evacuee associate who lives in Canal to aid him here. Dr. Brown has made 5 reports to date and expects to make two more very shortly. He has been on the job for 4½ months. There is quite a possibility that policies relating to the operation of the camp will be altered due to the nature of reports that are submitted.

#### Community Enterprise

Mr. Sasaki reports that the prohibition or the strict regulation by the Community Council of various private enterprises which are operating in the center would be extremely difficult. It was felt that in order to keep private enterprises under control more publicity should be given by various means to the effect that the WRA instructions prohibit it and persons operating private enterprises are definitely breaking the law, and that also the Community Enterprise should give more publicity for scarce commodities when they are offered for sale. In this way all residents will be given a fair chance of getting his proportionate share of such goods.

The Council takes no action.

#### Judicial Commission

Discussion concerning the appointment of members for the Judicial Commission was held. Mr. K. Otsuka suggested the names of three people for election to the Judicial Commission and asked for opinion from the other councilmen concerning them. In the course of the discussion, one man was found to be disqualified and as a consequence many other names were submitted for the Judicial Commission. All Councilmen were requested to investigate the character and the adaptability of the persons named and report on their finds at the next meeting.

#### Community Chest

The Chairman reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Mr. Sawyer for our part in the National War Fund Drive. The amount of money collected was not stated in the letter because the drive was not yet over and some money was still being contributed. Approximately \$2700 was reserved for our local community chest and the balance was sent to the National War Fund. 16 local organizations will be beneficiaries in this fund.

Due to an error in the last meeting in which two councilmen were selected for the trusteeship of this fund where only one was necessary, Mr. Fujikuni was asked to be our one representative to this trust fund.

#### Transportation

T. Mori, member of the Rivers Board of Health, reported upon the asserted lack of cars to meet emergencies that arose at night. Mr. Mori reported that Verlin Yamamoto of the Butte Hospital was making tremendous progress with the Transportation Dept. and felt that matters as it was should be left in his hands at the present time. If the situations could not be improved then the Councils' aid might be called. Mr. Yamamoto requested that all emergency cases should be telephoned to the Butte Hospital where immediate attention will be given. Councilmen were asked to notify the residents of his block of this information.

### Camouflage Trust Fund

The Chairman reported that the trustees of the Camouflage Trust Fund have succeeded in collecting moneys due from John M. Stahl and that all computations have been completed. The only remaining work left to be done is that the checks have to be typed out.

One councilman brought up the question relating to the reservation of the \$20,000 for taxes and expenses. It was felt that if proper explanation was not given relating to the dissipation of this large amount, it was quite probable that a serious misunderstanding would result. The trustee took the matter under advisement.

### Election

The Chairman announced that reelection for new councilmen will take place on the second Tuesday of December. The Constitution calls for the necessity of posting the names of candidates at least 2 weeks prior to the election and as a consequence does not give the Council very much time to prepare for the new election. The appointment of Mr. S. Nakagaki as Chairman of the Election Commission was made. He was asked to contact Mr. Kelly Matsumura and Masao Omoto to act as assistants to him. The necessity of the Community Clerk as a necessary official in the elections was brought up and since as yet the Council has not one in employment it was suggested that during our next meeting one should be appointed immediately.

### Relocation Committee

G. Kawahara, one of the original members of the former Relocation Council asked the body for an appointment of a man to act as Co-Chairman with one evacuee member of Butte on a new Relocation Committee. The Committee's work being to take under consideration and work upon all matters and problems relating to relocation.

The Chairman executed the appointment of G. Kawahara to act in the capacity as co-chairman with a similar person from Butte.

### Tule Lake Incidents

Mr. Wolter brought into discussion the matter concerning serious disruption of normal living at Tule Lake. It was felt that some statement emanating from the Council might be advisable for public relation purposes. After some discussion, pro and con upon the nature of the statement, the matter was left in the hands of the chairman.

Meeting was adjourned by general consent at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING\*\*CANAL

Date : Tuesday, November 23, 1943  
Time : 1:45 to 3:10 p.m.  
Place: Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made:

PRESENT: Mr. H. W. Wolter, Mr. T. Reynolds, Mr. Black, Mr. T. Sakurai, and all Councilmen.

Mr. Wolter introduced Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Black. He explained that the Relocation Division is a special division and that inside employment has been placed under administrative management. Mr. Black will be in charge of all employment of evacuee labor.

Mr. Reynolds expressed his appreciation of being allowed to attend the council meetings and asked for a copy of the minutes. The Chairman assured him that a copy of the minutes would be sent to him, together with a notice of when council meetings would be held here in Canal. Mr. Reynolds stated that he wished to maintain cordial relations with the Council and wanted the Council to give their ideas and complaints to him. Mr. Reynolds assured us of his cooperation.

Mr. Black spoke a few words to the council expressing his appreciation for the privilege of attending the council meetings. Mr. Huso is now acting Relocation Program Director, Mr. Black is in charge of inside employment, and Mr. Reynolds works together with him.

#### Judicial Commission

Together with the eight original candidates selected for the Judicial Commission at the last meeting, at this meeting three more candidates were suggested. With the relocation of one candidate the following ten are the candidates for the Judicial Commission:

Takato Hamai  
George Shigeru Nagamatsu  
Allen Aoyagi  
Harry H. Kono  
Hiroshi Sasaki

Shuhei Terasaki  
Dick Masatoshi Seiki  
Teizo Yahanda  
Goro Maeda  
Robert Morishige

Each candidate was found to possess sufficient knowledge of Japanese and English to carry out the duties of the Judicial Commission. It was moved, seconded, and passed that nominations for the Judicial Commission be closed. The position of the Judicial Commission being a very important one, it was decided to spend another week on more closer study upon the quality and character of the candidates. A five-man committee headed by Mr. K. Kirihiro and composed of Henry Yoshimi, Ben Fukuzawa, Masuzo Sano, and Ben Iida were selected by the Chairman to make a complete study and submit their recommendation at the next meeting.

#### Community Clerk

The Chairman appointed Henry Yoshimi as the Community Clerk. The Council approved his appointment.

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### Election Commission

Shigehisa Nakagaki reported on the Election Commission. Election will be held on December 14, which is the second Tuesday of the month. Names of candidates should be posted on the bulletin board at least two weeks prior to election. The chairman of the Election Commission would like each block to hold a meeting as soon as possible to have their candidates selected. Each councilman will please submit all names to S. Nakagaki. Also not more than 10 days before election all persons over 18 years of age should be registered. The Chairman of the Election Commission will ask the aid of the Block Managers.

### Clean-up Day

Mr. Nakata reported that he had nothing to report yet. He will contact the Block Managers to enlist their help, but he felt that plans should be made after a day was set. However, the Chairman asked him to attend a Block Managers meeting and ask for their aid. Also the Fire Department would like to have all loose boards and combustible materials cleaned out at the same time in order to eliminate the fire hazards.

### Transportation

Henry Yoshimi reported that he had contacted Mr. Hanna about the two ambulances which are in the garage. There are not parts for these cars, and Mr. Hanna feels that even if the parts were available something else would be sure to break down. Mr. Hanna would like to have the cooperation of the community and have the ambulances used only for emergencies. Right now these ambulances have been used to deliver messages and for bus service. Mr. Hanna suggested that the ambulances be kept in front of the Wardens' Office where strict supervision can be kept over it and not at the hospital where it is used for everything. Internal Security feels that the ambulance situation is running quite smoothly now and does not feel that it is necessary to have the ambulances in front of the Wardens' Office. The matter was left alone for the present time.

### Telephone Operator

George Horiuchi reported on the matter of telephone operators not being on duty all the time, especially during meal time. The operators stated they were not told to stay all the time but are doing so now after having been informed. Mr. Horiuchi found that the operators on the swing shift (4 p.m. to 12 midnight) and on the graveyard shift (12 midnight to 8 a.m) were high school girls. It was the general opinion of the Councilmen that it was not advisable to have young high school girls working during the night. The Chairman suggested that each councilmen appear at the next block meeting in his block and inform the residents that young girls are working at nights as telephone operators. He felt that if the block people knew this there would be older people who would do this important work.

### Leave Clearance and Stop List

Mr. Wolter stated that there seems to be a misunderstanding as to what the stop list is and what leave clearance hearings are. There are 29 or 30 different reasons which may place a name on the stop list.

Some are serious and some are not serious at all. After weighing all things concerned, a person is either recommended for leave clearance or recommended for segregation.

Committees that hear leave clearance have two very definite jobs. (1) If a person's record shows that there is a great deal of evidence that he is either politically or in any other way pro-Japanese then the committee must bring up the evidence which will hold in court to make this decision of denial of leave clearance valid. There is no way of taking citizenship away except by the person's own words or by act. If leave clearance is denied that is not the last step, he has a right to appeal to any court. On the other hand, if leave clearance is approved then the committee must have a docket which will clear the individual so that he can go out and say that he was investigated and he is cleared.

Mr. Wolter invited and encouraged the councilmen to attend any hearing they wished when they had the time. Mr. Wolter holds hearings in his office each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings between 9:00 to 12:00 noon. And on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons between 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : Tuesday, November 30, 1943  
Time : 1:40 to 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made.

PRESENT: All Councilmen except Dr. Nishi.

Codification of Laws

Ben Fukuzawa reported that the committee was through with the city ordinances and were now working on the health and sanitation ordinances, but that Mr. Omachi was so busy that there was not much they could do.

Judicial Commission

Mr. K. Kirihara reported on their investigation of the candidates for the Judicial Commission. After considering each candidate very carefully the following candidates were chosen for the Judicial Commission. Chiyoto Sasaki, Takato Hamai, and Masatoshi Seiki. In the event that any of the above could not become a member the following three were named to replace them. Allen Aoyagi, George Nagamatsu, and Robert Morishige. The Council voted to accept the recommendation of the committee. Committees were then appointed to ask each of the candidates to accept the position as member of the Judicial Commission. Mr. Sasaki stated that if the council were in favor of his being a member he would accept and no committee would be needed to ask him. The following are the committees appointed for each candidate.

Ben Iida and Frank Totsubo for Mr. Takato Hamai.  
Ben Fukuzawa and Masuzo Sano for Masatoshi Seiki.  
Shig Nakagaki and Masuzo Sano for Allen Aoyagi.  
Tamijiro Mori and Mats Ando for George Nagamatsu.  
Tamijiro Mori and Mats Ando for Robert Morishige.

The committees will report to the chairman their success or failure in asking the candidates to accept. In this way at the next meeting it should be all settled.

Clean-up Day

George Kawahara made a report for Roy Nakata, who was too busy to appear. He read a memorandum for the Council from the Canal Fire Prevention Bureau which requested the residents to clean under their barracks and yard surrounding their barracks. In this way all combustible materials would be removed. The memorandum also requested that barrack leaders check the fire extinguishers and if empty to fill with water. Mr. Kawahara also read the schedule which the Butte Community followed in their clean-up day. No day has been set for our clean-up day as yet.

Difference in Time

Mats Ando reported that Mr. Bennett called him to his office to discuss the changing of hours. As for himself, he thought it was all right. The reasons for changing the working hours are because:

1. Too cold for children. 2..Too cold for the farm workers. There was a discussion on the matter but since the order had come out it was decided to let the matter rest for the present.

#### Election Commission

Shig Nakagaki reported that things were progressing quite well. Election will be held on December 14. The subject of whether Block Councils were still necessary or not was brought up. It was decided that each block do whatever they wish and what would best serve the block people.

#### Lack of Soap

Ben Fukuzawa brought up the subject of no soap available. He would like it clarified whether or not the WRA should supply the soap for the community. Soap cannot be bought now and families with children are especially handicapped. Mats Ando will take up this matter and have it clarified. Also discussion was held on the possibility of making soap on the project.

#### Income from the Carnival

Part of the money raised at the recent carnival will be turned over to the CAS. Question was raised as to what the other money would be used for. It seemed to be the general opinion that a statement of some sort should be given the public as to the use of the income from the carnival. Ted Fujikuni stated that there would be a meeting of the CAS and the Division heads who participated in the Carnival. Mr. Sasaki will attend the meeting as councilmen.

#### Gila News Courier

Tets Mori brought up the subject that the Japanese section of the Gila News Courier does not have much news and wondered if something could not be done to improve it. He was asked to bring up this subject for discussion by some isseis. Mr. Sasaki was asked to check on this. Also the English section did not seem to carry much news of Canal. Butte seemed to get all the publicity. Mr. Ando will take care of this matter.

#### Playground

Mr. Otsuka brought up the subject of playgrounds. It seems that in Butte the CAS has provided for some recreational equipment and wondered if the CAS here could not do the same. The matter was tabled until more information could be had.

Meeting was adjourned by general consent at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : December 7, 1943  
Time : 2:40 to 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made.

PRESENT: Mr. L. T. Hoffman, Mr. E. G. Arnold, Chief of Relocation Division in Washington, Mr. E. D. Mauser, Mr. William Hoffman, Fire Protection Officer and all Councilmen except Roy Nakata (8).

Mr. Mauser, Chief of Fire Department introduced Mr. William Hoffman, representative from Washington who is head of the Fire Department of WRA. Mr. Hoffman thanked the people of Gila for their work in control of fire and desired that the council enact regulations toward a more efficient operation and control against dangers from fire. Mr. Hoffman said that he would like to have incorporated in our fire code, orders which are contained in Administrative instruction No. 81. He desired that all regulations drawn up be submitted to Mr. Mauser for approval before adoption. Fire losses are much lower in WRA centers than elsewhere. Three conditions which cause a fire were:

1. Sufficient heat
2. Combustible material
3. Oxygen

The work of the fire department is to eliminate or break down one of these three conditions so that a fire cannot be caused.

Judicial Commission

The Chairman called for reports by committees on the acceptance of various candidates on the Judicial Commission. Mr. Iida and Mr. Totsubo, committeemen to see candidate Hamai reported the due to physical disability it would be impossible for Mr. Hamai to accept the position.

Mr. Sano and Mr. Fukuzawa reported that Mr. Masatoshi Seiki had consented to accept the appointment on the Judicial Commission.

Mr. Mori and Chairman Ando reported that George Nagamatsu was not quite definite but they related that his acceptance was almost imminent.

The Chairman reports that with Mr. Frank Sasaki, Block 6, Masatoshi Seiki, Block 20 and the probable acceptance of George Nagamatsu of Block 27 would complete the necessary number of men for the Judicial Commission.

It was recommended that official notification be sent by the Project Director together with the Chairman to be sent with the members of the Judicial Commission.

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Mr. L. T. Hoffman stopped on his field trip with Mr. E. G. Arnold, Chief of WRA Relocation Division. Mr. Hoffman introduced E. G. Arnold. Mr. Arnold states that the new Relocation Commission was created to facilitate and encourage relocation and to give many assistance to people that face problems in relocating. He desires the council to submit to him problems concerning relocation.

Relocation offices are now set up in 44 cities in 25 different states.

Many various Federal, Private, Financial and Social Agencies are cooperating with the WRA to establish evacuees in new communities. A new policy in the division of relocation is that no job offers will be sent to centers but applications for position by evacuees will be submitted to prospective employers. Apparently this system would be an improvement over the original way of having job offers sent to the center.

#### Discussion upon Mr. Arnold's talk

Question of increased grants to large families was brought up. Such discussions were best felt to be left to the Relocation Committee meeting to be held on the following day. One Councilman brought up the question relating to group resettlement. Mr. Arnold felt that a great number of families relocating in one area would not be adviseable but 8 or 10 families relocating as a group in a community if not living too close together would not be objectionable. Mr. Hoffman asked the council concerning the consensus of opinion by the various inhabitation upon relocation. One councilman related that many were inclined to favor relocation but desired to wait until spring.

#### Project Boundary

Chairman reported that on the same afternoon that an individual from Butte was shot, several persons were shot at in Canal supposedly because of stepping out of project limits. Chairman felt that such incidence were of very regrettable nature and all precautions must be exercised so that repetitions of like nature will not occur. Frank Totsubo and George Horiuchi were appointed to look into the matter of clarification of boundary lines and advising residence of more conservative actions so that no further occurrences of above mentioned natures would occur again.

A newspaper article informing the people that it would be necessary for us to adhere strictly to project boundaries under present conditions was thought to be advisable.

#### Election

Shig Nakagaki reports that registration of voters would be completed by Saturday and all matters relating to the coming election are progressing smoothly.

### Inspection of Baggage of Relocators

Mr. Ben Fukuzawa of Internal Security states that due to unusual circumstances, henceforth, all baggages leaving relocation centers must be inspected personally by a member of the Internal Security before being sent out. Baggages will not be inspected until the morning of departure and immediately upon inspection must be loaded upon trucks. This action was brought about due to the fact and the probability of theft of government property and in order to safeguard WRA it will be necessary to take this drastic action. Foods in the possession of evacuees may be taken out by the person relocating only upon the consent of Mr. Keadle who requires a statement to the effect that such foods were personally owned by the person relocating. Mr. Fukuzawa requested each councilmen to inform residents of each block of this new procedure to prevent any misunderstanding.

Mr. Fukuzawa further reports that no foodstuff of any kind may be sent to Tule Lake. The occasion of this statement was necessitated by the fact that Tule Lake has a scarcity of vegetables and many people from Gila were sending various foodstuff to Tule. As the army will not permit the introduction of any food to Tule the Internal Security here will not release any shipments.

### Diet Kitchen

Tets Mori of the hospital health board reports that Mr. Keadle, Mess Division Head, is planning a special diet kitchen at 16 for those persons who are able to walk to 16 and that require specially prepared foods. According to plans meals will be served three times a day and prepared upon the arrival and served to sick persons immediately. The plan is under warm approval of Dr. Lawson.

It appears that under the present system persons who require special foods call at mess hall 16 for their materials and prepare it at home themselves. The discussion followed as to whether the patrons of this special diet kitchen would be willing to make three trips daily to mess hall 16. The question of the special diet kitchen staff was brought into discussion and specified that it would cut into the budget unnecessarily. The committee on food and nutrition were requested to investigate the pros and cons of this diet kitchen and asked to report at the next meeting.

### Report from CAS Income from Carnival

Upon the request by certain residents as to the distribution of money earned by certain concessionaires at the Harvest Day Festival, Mr. Sasaki was asked to attend the CAS meeting and make a report upon the distribution of such funds. Apparently the people who were directly concerned took the attitude that the council was overstepping its limits and the matter was becoming a rather touchy question. Mr. Fujikuni as member of the CAS requested Mr. Sasaki to desist attending such a meeting. The matter was not discussed at all. Subsequently however, at a community gathering the parties concerned gave

a complete report as to the use of such funds and the matter was satisfactorily settled.

Gila News Courier

Upon various complaints that the Gila News Courier was not giving enough newspaper space to Canal a committee was asked to investigate and Mr. Sasaki reported that upon contacting the editor he was told that Canal community sent in a very meager supply of these items and due to such and some few other reasons it was difficult to give out the type of news work that residents desired.

Picnic

George Horiuchi reported that he attended a meeting in Butte called by Mr. Bennett for the purpose of planning a staff-evacuee picnic. The purpose of such picnic was to create a more harmonious relationship between the staff and the evacuees. The council representative was asked to feel out the community response for such a proposition and report back to a meeting which was scheduled to be held the following Monday. Many councilmen felt that holding a picnic at night would be inappropriate because the weather was too cold and also the probability that refreshments would be inadequate to compensate for the discomfort.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by general consent.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : December 14, 1943  
Time : 2:35 to 5:07 p.m.  
Place: Council Chambers, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made.

**PRESENT:** Mr. John H. Provinse, Chief, Community Management, Mr. H. W. Wolters, and all Councilmen except Roy Nakata (8). Mr. Hiratsuka, Block 20 substituted for Ben Fukuzawa (20).

Mr. Wolters introduced Mr. John H. Provinse, assistant director in charge of Community Management of the Washington Staff. Mr. Provinse was asked to say a few words. He had visited two other projects, Topaz and Tule Lake prior to coming to this center. He said that Tule Lake is a very tragic place at this time and it was a great relief to come to Gila to the warm sunshine and to see the people all working on this program. He stated that at Topaz the council was being re-organized on account of the resignation of the councilmen. At present the Community Council exists in all the centers except at Tule. He said that we should cooperate with Washington and Washington work with us in solving the various problems and avoid any mistakes so the people would not pounce upon us. We have the sympathetic supports in the Eastern and the Middle Western states. The WRA is working on a plan on re-adjustment and relocation but in the mean time he wishes that the center be run as smoothly as possible. Their three main objects are as follows:

1. To make the center a more liveable place.
2. To give a sense of security and certainty.
3. To give encouragement in relocation.

The re-instating of Licensing Power was discussed in Butte it was stated. According to Mr. Provinse there are two purposes in licensing powers. One is to raise fund and the other is for regulatory measure. Licensing power was revoked because they found that money raised through it could not be used in the community but was turned over to the U. S. Treasury but Mr. Provinse thought it wise to re-instate it so that the council could have the power to regulate various private enterprises within the center. The Chairman asked if there were any conviction arising from Private Enterprise within the center. So far as Mr. Provinse knows there hasn't been any conviction.

With the exception of Minnedoka and Manzanar all centers have their Judicial Commission established. The general resident respects the Judicial Commission and there isn't any ill feeling toward them among the evacuees although in some cases punishment metered out by the Judicial Commission is somewhat more severe than the directors.

The Army has already withdrawn half of the detachment of M.P.'s stationed at the following six centers: Minnedoka, Heart Mountain,

Topaz, Rohwer and Jerome. The movement of our M.P.s is up to the army and Mr. Province could not give any light as to the situation in this center.

A question was asked as to what fraction of the people is against us and what fraction is for us in California. When Mr. Province visited California he thought that 99.9% was against us at certain locality but that there is a strong group there but as yet they are not strong enough to come out and take stand for the Japanese at this moment.

Thousands of good personal letters are received in Washington concerning individuals but that will not help us from going back any sooner to California. The main job is to create good support in other parts of the United States and have them understand our situation and leave California out for the present moment. The centers should just do the best jobs possible to run our projects and if we continue to have answers to the Dies Committee and others then we can get the support from the outside and also the congressional group. Tule Lake was bad in this respect but knowing that, we should go on with better work.

#### Spanish Counsel's coming visit.

Mr. Wolters stated that he has received a telegram from the Spanish Counsel requesting someone to be appointed to assist him in report to the Japanese Government. He is going to visit all the centers in order to satisfy the Japanese Government as to our treatment in the centers. Future exchanges on the Gripsholm would depend upon his report. Mr. Wolters asked the council as to who would be capable to handle such an important job. The council asked whether two from each camp here would be too much, one who has repatriated and another who has not. After much discussion as to who would be most capable the Chairman appointed Mr. Frank Sasaki to head the committee consisting of all issei councilmen to decide upon the two.

#### Clean-Up Day

Chairman Mats Ando took the liberty to inquire about the Clean Up Day program since Mr. Nakata was absent and reported that Saturday afternoon was chosen as the day. The members were asked to consult with the Block Managers and also to tell the residents to pick up all rubbishes and refill all fire extinguishers by request of the Fire Department.

#### Picnic

The Chairman also reported on the meeting he attended called by Mr. Bennett concerning the get-together of the staff and residents and stated that the evening of the 29th was set as the day for the outing. Mr. Bennett is expecting one thousand people and that he will personally take charge of the transportation and such. The Mess Operations is in charge of the refreshments and the CAS is to take charge of the entertainment.

#### Judicial Commission

### Judicial Commission

The committee and Chairman Ando reported that Mr. Nagamatsu did not accept because of his father's illness and Mr. Morishige declined too so we need one more elected. Three more persons were recommended to the list as follows: Mr. Shobei Sasaki, Mrs. Takemi Hosoura and Mr. Shinhichi Miyagawa. Mr. Kiriara was asked to take charge again with his committee to pick one.

### Hospital

Discussion was brought up as to why the council was not notified about the Canal ward being moved to Butte. This brought in the subject of the budget and why the Caucasian staff is not cut down but it was stated by one member that the Caucasians and our budget are not one of the same so it would be no use. Another councilman stated that recently the Evacuee teachers pay was cut down to \$16. and the Caucasian teacher's pay raised so why then is it not the same? It was suggested that we discuss this matter with Mr. Province as it is an internal problem. Mr. Mori stated that the Canal hospital was only setup on a temporary basis until the Butte hospital was ready. The Chairman was asked to look into all this matter with Mr. Bennett and find out more definitely how it stands.

### Diet Kitchen report

The committee reported that the patrons of the special diet kitchen would like to have it as is now and prepare their food themselves. They stated that the set up would be studied further and inquire how the Butte plans are coming. They asked for time till the next meeting when they will make their report again.

### Election

Shig Nakagaki did not have any election comments as everything was working out smoothly.

### Meeting with Dr. Thompson

The Chairman reported that Dr. Thompson said definitely that WRA would maintain adequate medical service at all times at all the centers. However, from time to time difficulties arise from various reasons such as the shortage of medical staff on account of relocation of doctors. If in case the number of medical staff fall below the quota the WRA would be able to get the staff from the outside through the Assignment Procurement Services. As to the putting evacuee staffs under the U.S. Public Health Service it would not help much because Japanese doctors are mostly aliens and aliens are not eligible. As to the maintaining the medical staff at evacuee's expense, Dr. Thompson would like to discourage this as it would create more difficulties.

### Shooting Affair

Mr. Totsubo and George Horiuchi notified the newspaper and announced over the loud speaker to the people ~~and~~ the seriousness and the importance of the boundary here. As to laws and regulations they

will be notified later.

Camouflage Checks

Distribution of camouflage checks will begin December 15th from block 3 and so on. Chairman requested the councilmen to notify all the people not to forget to bring their identification number.

Mr. Myers

The Chairman reported that recently in the L.A. papers there was a defamatory article about Mr. Myers work. He stated that Mr. Myers was doing excellent work and that we ~~owe~~ owe him a note of confidence. The Council voted unanimously for a letter of confidence to be sent to him.

Exchange of Gifts on the Project

The Chairman asked the council whether the council should discuss about discouraging the exchange of gifts among groups of people. It was suggested that the question be left among the resident to solve.

Meeting was adjourned by general consent at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : December 21, 1943  
Time : 2:35 to 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Council Chamber, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made.

PRESENT: Mr. H. W. Wolters, George Ichimoto and all members except Roy Nakata (8) and George Horiuchi (25). Mr. Muramatsu of Block 4 substituted for Ted Fujikuni (4).

Mr. Sasaki reported on the meeting with the Spanish Consul and also about the 16 page report requested to be filled out by Spanish Consul. Mr. Wolters announced that the six most pertinent questions asked by the Spanish Consul of the project and the answers given by the Director would be published in the evenings paper. The additional information concerning verbal discussion with the Spanish Consul will be published in Japanese in the Gila News Courier. Mr. Frank Sasaki was appointed to take care of this matter.

#### Election

Shig Nakagaki gave his report on the recent election of the new Community Council for the six months following January 1944. He read the final election report stating that there are three new members and all in all there are nine niseis and 8 isseis. A list of the newly elected councilmen and the runner-up will be kept in case any member should resign or relocate. The Clerk should notify the newly elected members and advise them of the first meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr. Nakagaki for his excellent work.

#### Butte Council Resolution

The Chairman brought up for discussion the question as to the advisability for the council to hold a camp-wide drive to raise funds for the purpose of giving Christmas present to the M.D.'s in appreciation for the work that they have done. The point was brought up to the effect that the council has on its resolution the prohibition of more than two general drives a year, those two being the Red Cross and the Community Chest. In order to circumvent this technical point it was finally decided by a unanimous vote to stage a benefit movie for the purpose of raising funds. Mr. Ichimoto from the CAS was called upon to give his view-point upon this resolution. Mr. Ichimoto reported that the CAS staff has at the present desired to do away with benefit movies for independent organizations because the CAS was short of cash now. However, in the case of the Community Council an exception was possible. Henry Yoshimi, Frank Totsubo and Tets Mori were appointed upon the committee to take full responsibility for the benefit movie and the raising of funds.

The question as to what general group of people these Christmas present would be sent was now open for discussion. It was a general consensus of opinion that all funds collected should be used for the benefit of M.D.'s only as the use of such funds for the entire hospital staff will possibly create a problem because it would be

extremely difficult to declare where the line should be drawn. Regardless of how Butte would use their funds it was decided that Canal would work on independent basis. It was also suggested that we send a memo to Butte that we have decided to act independently.

#### Judicial Commission

Mr. Kirihara, chairman of the committee for investigation of nominees for Judicial Commission, made a report that George Nagamatsu has tentatively accepted the position as a member of the Judicial Commission with Mr. Frank Sasaki and Masatoshi Seiki. At present we now have our full three members on the Judicial Commission. Official notification should be sent to these three men.

#### C.A.S.

George Ichimoto representative of the CAS appeared to present some problem faced by his department. Paramount amongst their difficulties was the fact that they were short of cash and as a means of getting around it, Mr. Ichimoto asked the Council for their recommendation regarding the possible increase of contributions towards the movie fund from three to five cents. Councilmen did not voice any objections.

Mr. Wolters suggested that due to peculiar psychological attitude of residents to the title "CAS" it was said that it would be advisable to change its name to, perhaps Canal Recreation Service or some other more euphonic name.

#### Nurses Aide

The M. D.'s have slated that need for more nurses was urgent and the call for 20 people has been made but has not been answered. It was pointed out that Nurses are required to work for two weeks before compensation was begun and as a consequence new people were quite reluctant to start to work upon such basis. Tets Mori was requested to present this problem up for discussion at the hospital board meeting. Mr. Kawahara, employment division head suggested the possibility that by January 1st the problem may not be so acute.

#### Helath Report

Tets Mori head of the Committee on Sanitation was asked to contact Mr. Keadle, Head of Mess Operation Division regarding sinks which are badly leaking.

Sanitation Crew. Mr. Kirihara stated that we need more men on the Sanitation Crew, because of the recent cut in the crew they are having trouble time after time and would like to know more about the budget and to have things straightened out with the coming cut again.

Meeting was adjourned by general consent at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : December 28, 1943  
Time : 2:40 to 4:30 p.m.  
Place: Council Chamber, Canal Ad. Bldg.

The regular meeting of the Canal Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll call was made.

PRESENT: Mr. H.W. Wolters, all councilmen except Roy Nakata (8), Dr. C. Nishi (16) and Tets Mori (23). Mr. Muramatsu of block 4 substituted for Ted Fujikuni (4).

The Chairman said that this being the last meeting of the Council for 1943 it would be advisable not to bring up any matters for discussion that would be left up for the new Council in 1944. However, it would be desirable to bring up to discussion problems of pertinent nature for clarification.

Policeman's Uniform

Mr. Muramatsu brought up the question regarding the benefit dance which was held recently by the Internal Security in their effort to raise funds towards the purchase of Policeman's Uniforms. He desired information as to whether clothing allowance issued by WRA could not be used to purchase uniforms of the policemen. Mr. Fukuzawa answered that clothing allowance was issued to individuals and as such the Internal Security department could not order any person to use his or her funds to purchase any certain type of clothing and in the interest of uniformity for the Internal Security it was very desirable that policemen should be attired in a manner befitting their position.

The point was brought up that it was the Council's responsibility to see that Internal Security were furnished uniforms. It was told that such matters should be left to the new council for discussion.

Carpenter's for the Ice House

Replying to Mr. Tets Mori's report during some previous meeting that though materials and supplies were here for the construction of garbage racks and refrigeration and ice house plants, Mr. Bennett has stated that due to the lack of Evacuee worker's such construction work was inexcusably delayed. Mr. Kawahara reports that as the Administrative Aide in Canal Employment he has not received any request for such Evacuee worker's and that on further contact with Mr. Sprinkles who is in charge of construction was advised that Mr. Sprinkles did not know of any such requisition. As a consequence of such report Mr. Wolters was asked to check up the apparent slip-up that had occurred some place. Mr. Wolters states that refrigeration units and garbage stands were really in need of reconstruction for improvement.

Drive for Benefit Movie

Henry Yoshimi reported that the committee has decided to hold a benefit movie on January 1st at the Community Stage and selling

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tickets for donation at five cents up. Frank Totsubo reported upon the progress of the sale of tickets for the benefit movie. According to his report many blocks as yet have not started their drive. Henry Yoshimi requested the councilmen to appeal to the people and push this program as rapidly as possible. Mr. Yoshimi also requested that Mr. Ben Iida, Frank Sasaki and K. Kiriara head the committee as ticket and money collectors at the gate.

The point was brought up for discussion relating to the persons who were to receive gifts of appreciation from the camp and the discussion followed which tended to show that though during our last meeting only M.D.'s were to be recipients of this gift, the general consensus of opinion toward the committee was to the effect that Dentists also should be included within the group. As there was no objection to include the Dentists within the group of those who ought to receive gifts from the Council the Chairman so ordered.

#### Questions Asked of Mr. Wolters

Mr. Kawahara asked of Mr. Wolters as to some definite information as to when the next segregation program will begin. Mr. Wolters announced that due to the disorder at Tule Lake nothing definite can be stated yet.

Henry Yoshimi asked of Mr. Wolters concerning information of Selective Service within centers. Mr. Wolters answered that he has no definite information but it would be safe to assume that selective service would be operating within the centers sometime in the spring. He also added that due to disorder at Tule that program have been somewhat delayed.

Mr. Wolters reported that due to our very restrictive measures which Gila Project is imposing upon its residents the Arizona people's sentiment towards Japanese is on the upward swing. Intelligent planning on the part of the Evacuee will no doubt improve this stage further and therefore it will be necessary the Evacuees be very careful of any action which may attract any unsavory notice to the centers.

#### Staff-Evacuee Outing

The Chairman stated that tomorrow evening the block managers were to invite 20 people from each block including the councilmen to a staff-evacuee outing at Fox Butte. Transportation will be provided at the Community Stage and the Internal Security at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Bennett requests that everybody get behind this outing to make it a success. The Chairman requests the councilmen to do everything to encourage the people to attend the outing.

#### Visitors to Council Meetings

Mr. Kiriara asked if council meetings were open to the public. Chairman advised him that so far no regulation which prohibited visitors were enacted and thus there was no objection for any resident to visit the council meetings.

#### Baggage Inspection

Mr. Sasaki spoke on the importance of baggage inspection for all relocators giving detailed reason for the inspection.

Mochi

Mr. Ben Fukuzawa of the Internal Security reports that as far as his department was concerned at the present there was no objection against sending Mochi out the center. He requested the council to advise people who were interested upon the subject.

Repairing Leaky Sinks

Tets Mori on the Sanitation Committee upon contacting with Mr. Keadle reports that leaky sinks are now in the progress of being repaired by the plumbing department, as a consequence that problem should be eventually be taken care of.

Meeting was adjourned by general consent at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council