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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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, deputy project 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 Fukuzawa (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 and Administration has followed, recommended the changes and secured the necessary approval, then it should be largely responsible for the internal operation 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 discussion on laws. Up to now, the Administration

is 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 past four months, there has been no serious case of trouble in Canal stated Ben Fukuzawa.

It was suggested then 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 were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Emiko Dotemoto  
Acting Secretary  
Canal Community Council

MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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 Fugikuni (4), Shigehisa Nakagaki (6), Earl Tanaka, (7), Geo. Shimazu (Temp. 8) in place of Roy Nakata, seasonal leave), Ben Iida (9), Frank Totsube (10), Dr. Nishi (16), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry Yeshimi (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
<b>Chairman:</b>	Mats Ando	10
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Frank Sasaki	8
	Geo. Horiuchi	2
<b>Secretary:</b>	Ben Fukuzawa	3
	Geo. Horiuchi	8
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Earl Tanaka	9
	Tetsu Mori	2
	Frank Totsube	0

The following were elected:

<b>Chairman:</b>	Mats Ando
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Frank Sasaki
<b>Secretary:</b>	Geo. Horiuchi
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Earl Tanaka

A discussion on Judicial Commission followed. Since the Judicial Commission acts under ~~the~~ and within the power of the Council it was decided not to 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 of 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, 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 Co-op and outside of Co-op. 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-chairman 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,

/s/ George Horiuchi  
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), George 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 Comm. 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: 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. Kirihara (7), Masao Omoto (8), Ben Iida (9), Frank Totsubo (10), Dr. Nishi (16), Ben Fukuzawa (20), Henry Yoshimi (21), George Kawahara (22), Tetsu Mori (23), Kensi Otsuka (24), George T. Horiuchi (25), Mats Ando (26), and Tamiji Mori (27).

ABSENT: Councilman Masuzo Sano (3).

Due to the absence of our councilman 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 Comm. Enterprise to see about unauthorized private practice and business.

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 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 is 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 Moriuchi, Secretary  
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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 not 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 disposition of anyone found guilty of unamerican activities.

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  
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MINUTES  
CANAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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 end 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 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 project 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 Fund 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 Butts, 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  
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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 Kawahara (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 UFA 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 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 dis 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 accommodate 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.

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. Wolter, 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 cleaned thoroughly, 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  $4\frac{1}{2}$  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 money 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. Kirihara 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.

### 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 councilman 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 councilman.

#### 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. Utsuka 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.

Respectfully submitted,

George Horiuchi, Secretary  
Canal Community Council

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.

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 center 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 advisable 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 incidents 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 residents 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 councilman 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 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 as 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 and 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

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 Chaiman Mats Ando. Roll call was made.

PRESENT: Mr. H. W. Wolter, 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. Wolter 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 of the council to hold a camp-wide drive to raise funds for the purpose of giving Christmas presents 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 presents 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. Wolter 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.

### Health 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. Wolter, 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 was stated that due to lack of Evacuee workers such construction work was inexcusably delayed, Mr. Kawahara reports that as the Administrative Aid in Canal Employment he has not received any request for such Evacuee workers 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. Wolter was asked to check up the apparent slip-up that had occurred some place. Mr. Wolter 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

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. Kirihara 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. Wolter

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

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

Mr. Wolter 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. Kirihara 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