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BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FOURTH TERM

CHAIRMAN - - - - - Hiroji Nishimura - - 40-12-D
 VICE-CHAIRMAN - - - - - Masami Henmi - - - - 57-12-C
 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY- - - - - Yoichi Nakase- - - - 52-13-B
 TREASURER - - - - - George M. Oye - - - - 56-8-C

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

- 1. Masakazu Aoto ---- 34-13-D
- 2. Mitsugu Hamanaka ---- 28-5-D
- 3. Masami Henmi ---- 57-12-C
- 4. Yoichi Nakase ---- 52-13-B
- 5. Hiroji Nishimura ---- 40-12-D

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS:

- 1. *Shotaro Hikida ---- 64-7-C
- 2. *Ernest K. Iwasaki ---- 64-6-C
- 3. *Fred Wakita ---- 54-14-B

JUVENILE BOARD MEMBERS:

- 1. *Michimasa Asami ---- 46-13-B
- 2. *Tsuruzo Hasegawa ---- 59-9-D
- 3. Shigeichi Kubo ---- 45-7-B

JUVENILE GUIDANCE COMMISSION:

- 1. *Michimasa Asami ---- 46-13-B
- 2. Mitsugu Hamanaka ---- 28-5-D
- 3. *Tsuruzo Hasegawa ---- 59-9-D
- 4. *Shotaro Hikida ---- 64-7-C
- 5. *Rev. Kuano Imamura ---- 56-3-A
- 6. *Douglas Mitsuhashi ---- 63-1-C
- 7. *Rev. Clifford Nakadegawa ---- 32-5-A
- 8. Hiroji Nishimura ---- 40-12-C

Advisors:

- *Mrs. C. Andres
- *A. L. Griswold
- *W. A. May
- *John L. Stringer
- *Dr. G. P. Young

RECREATION ASSOCIATION COMMISSION

Susumu Koyamatsu -- (Chairman) --- 31-11-A

GILA HEALTH COMMITTEE:

- 1. *Yasaku Kondo ---- 58-1-C
- 2. Hiroji Nishimura ---- 40-12-D
- 3. Masao Nishimura ---- 29-9-A
- 4. *Jitsutaro Tokuyama ---- 52-3-B
- 5. *Tokio Wada ---- 74-1-C

*--- Non-Councilman

MINUTES OF THE
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BUTTE COMMUNITY

January 3, 1945
Wednesday

69-6
1:30 p.m. - 4:30

The special meeting of the fourth term Butte Community Council was called to order with John I. Fukushima, Chairman pro temp, presiding. Words of greetings was made to the new body by his prior to the introduction of new councilmen by the Executive Secretary. 33 members were present besides Mr. James L. Shelly, Mr. J. H. Bennett, Mr. Utz, Mr. Thomas Bodine and Mr. Fukushima.

The Chair introduced Mr. Shelly, who gave a few words of welcome and further stated the importances of the Council due to the opening of the West Coast and the closing of the War Relocation Centers.

The fourth term council members were sworn into office by Mr. Shelly.

Mr. Bodine, student relocation consultant from the Philadelphia office, was introduced; and he gave a resume of the work being done by their institution.

The Project Director, Mr. Bennett, expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members and welcomed the new members. He further gave the importances as to the West Coast opening.

Mr. Utz, Chief of Operations from the Washington office, was introduced by the Project Director; he then stated his purpose of his visit to Gila.

The election of the cabinet and other offices were held--and the results are as follow:

CHAIRMAN	----	HIROJI NISHIMURA
VICE-CHAIRMAN	----	MASAMI HENMI
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	----	YOICHI NAKASE
TREASURER	----	GEORGE M. OYE

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Masakazu Aoto
Mitsugu Hamanaka
Masami Henmi
Yoichi Nakase
Hiroji Nishimura

RECREATION ASSOCIATION -- Chairman -- Susumu Toyama



January 3, 1945

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS:

Ernest Iwasaki
Shotaro Hikida
Fred Wakita

JUVENILE GUIDANCE COMMITTEE:

Michimasa Asami
Shotaro Hikida
Tsuruzo Hasegawa
Douglas Mitsuhashi
Rev. Kuano Imamura
Rev. Clifford Nakadegawa
Hiroji Nishimura
MITSUGU HAMANAKA

Advisors:

Mrs. C. Andres
A. L. Griswold
W. A. May
John L. Stringer
Dr. G. F. Young

JUVENILE BOARD MEMBERS:

Michimasa Asami
Tsuruzo Hasegawa
Shigeichi Kubo

GILA HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Yasaku Kondo
Hiroji Nishimura
Jitsutaro Tokuyama
Masao Nishimura
Tokio Wada

The newly elected Chairman, Hiroji Nishimura, then presided over the meeting. Words of appreciation and fullest cooperation was requested by the new Chairman.

The Executive Secretary read the memorandum in regard to the violation of leaving the project and going into Indian Land.

The memorandum from the Topaz Relocation Center stating whether an All Center Conference in regard to the problems now facing the evacuees be of necessity. An immediate reply was requested. The body decided that action be taken after consulting with Canal Executive Board at the next Executive Board Meeting.

As there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase
Executive Secretary



MINUTES OF THE BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER

Saturday, January 6, 1945

The second special session of the fourth term Butte Community Council was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Chairman Nishimura presiding. 25 members were present.

After a much augmented discussion, it was decided and approved that the All Center Conference is of vital importance to the welfare of all evacuees. It was further approved that two representatives be sent from the Butte Community.

The selection of the two delegates will be chosen from the block representatives by the Council. The fund to meet the expenses of the delegates was to be decided by the block people, at their respective meeting when the choosing of their block representative will be held.

Matters pertaining to the rice situation was tabled pending an answer from Washington; as a special letter with samples of the rice was sent to their office.

Movies in the high school auditorium, welfare cases, old men's home, Westcoast rumors, and other topics were discussed.

A heated discussion on the West coast opening and the closing of the Centers was held. Various opinions of the Councilmen were stated in regard to what should be done, how we can help, etc.

As there were no further business to be brought up, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase
Executive Secretary



MINUTES OF THE BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER

Monday, January 15, 1945

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order at 1:38 p.m. with Chairman H. Nishimura presiding. 27 members present beside Dr. G. G. Brown. The minutes of the previous meeting was approved as read.

The written resignation of Mr. Otani, Block 60, was read by the Executive Secretary and it was accepted by the council.

The Chair stated that officers from the Immigration Bureau will be on the project after the 20th to check and clarify the status of some of the aliens' records.

Recommendations of Mr. Harry Nishimura, John I. Fukushima and Yataro Minami to the Project Director for appointment to the Manpower Commission was approved by the body.

Mr. Roy Yagami, newly elected representative from Block 72, was introduced and sworn into office by Dr. Brown.

The Chair reported as to the progress being made as to the exchange of the rice recently shipped to this center. The body read the teletype from Washington in regards to this matter, which read as follow: "Reur telephone conversation re rice. Suggest you contact San Antonio Depot and report your inability to use or accept recent shipment. Have contacted office of Quartermaster General and it is our understanding arrangements shall be made enabling you to return this shipment."

The telegram received from the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles was read and it clarify the false rumors in regards to Dr. Hara's incident.

The memorandum from Poston Center was read which referred to the All Center Conference. Their proposal of holding the confab in Poston was denied by the Washington WRA since it was previously stated that the conference be held anywhere outside of center.

The body suggested that the Chairman inquire from Topaz Relocation Center for more details in regards to the All Center Conference.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase
Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER

Monday, January 29, 1945

The regular session of the Butte Community Council was called to order at 1:33 p.m. with Chairman H. Nishimura presiding. 25 members were present. Others present were: Mr. Shelly, Dr. Brown and Lt. Commander Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting was approved as read.

It was the unanimous approval of the body that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. John I. Fukushima for his untiring work rendered the past term as Community Council Chairman.

The Chairman's suggestion and recommendation to have Advisors to the Council Chairman was approved. The following were selected for that capacity:

Mr. Michimasa Asami - Central Block Manager
Mr. Shotaro Hikida - Center-at-large
Mr. Kinhashi Shibuya - Community Enterprises
Mr. Mejiro Sato - Community Activities

Appointments to the Relocation Planning Commission made by the Chair were:

Mr. Kozo Fukagai
Mr. Katsuki Roy Watanabe
Mr. Tsuruji Nakashima
Mr. Mitsugu Hamanaka

Mr. Kozo Fukagai was also appointed as the Official Interpreter for the Judicial Board.

The letter of resignation of Mr. Fred Wakita, member of Judicial Commission, was read by the Executive Secretary and it was accepted by the council. Mr. John Fukushima was named successor to fill that position.

The Chair gave a brief report on the recent Butte High School Auditorium Committee meeting.

The telegram in regards to sending of packages to prisoners of war was read: "REULET PRISONERS PACKAGES WRA PROJECT DI* RECTOR CONTACTS COMMANDING OFFICER CAMP MCCOY WISCONSIN REGARDING DESIRE OF INDIVIDUALS TO SEND MENTIONED FOODS IF COMMANDING OFFICER AGREES INDIVIDUALS MAY SEND BUT NOT IN NAME OF RED CROSS." SIGNED: ELLAN B. WATLAND, SAN FRANCISCO.

The following reports were given: (1) Clothes of Deceased. (2) Community Chest Fund Committee. (3) Gila Health Committee.

Mr. Shelly stated that members from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service will arrive on the project and remain for several days to check and clarify records of numerous aliens.

Lt. Commander George T. Lodge, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, U.S. Navy, was introduced by the Chair. He gave a few words of greetings and as to his purpose of his trip to Gila.



The teletype in regards to the recent Doi's incident at Auburn, California was read by the secretary. It also mentioned about Shigeishi Kubo's exploratory trip to Penryn, Calif. and National Commander Scheiberling of American Legion ordering restoration of names to Hood River Post's Honor Roll and protesting bigotry race hatred.

Mr. Shigeishi Kubo, Block 45 representative, gave an interesting summary of his recent trip to Penryn, California and vicinities.

The following persons were appointed by the Chairman to serve on the Butte Community Council Manpower Commission in addition to John Fukushima and Yataro Minami who will be the advisors to this group:

Tom Ikenoto	Administration Bldg.
Denichi Ichikawa	Farm Management
Moriso Yamashita	Community Council
Kyuji Furuno	Mess Operation
Masaji Okamura	Transportation
Ben Kawaguchi	Community Council

Discussions on the All Center Conference was held and it was decided that the Butte Community Council suggest to Topaz Center the tentative date be set as February 19-25 and the locality be Salt Lake City, Utah. The Blocks' nominations for Official Delegates be selected by Thursday, February 1st, 5:00 p.m. A special meeting of the Butte Community Council and the Blocks representatives was decided to hold on February 5th at 1:30 p.m. The election of the two official delegates to the Confab is to be on February 12th. The councilmen are to gather all informations and problems arising due to the Exclusion Act and the news of the closing of the centers, so it can be discussed at the All Center Conference.

Discussions were held on the rice situation, lost and found articles, Camouflage Trust Fund, Installation of benches at the Bus Stops and posting of bus schedule at the various stops.

As there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase
Executive Secretary



BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 5, 1945

The special session of the Butte Community Council and the Blocks' Nominees for the Official Delegates to the All-Center Conference was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with Chairman Harry Nishimura presiding. 45 members and representatives were present. Nominees from 29, 46, 60 and 74 were absent. Others present were: Dr. G. Brown, Mr. L. H. Bennett, Mr. W. Huso, Mr. H. Wolters and Lt. Commander Lodge.

The teletype from the Topaz Relocation Center was read by the Secretary. It stated that the All-Center Conference will be held at Salt Lake City from Feb. 16 to Feb. 23 inclusive.

It was reported that the Spanish Consul will arrive on the project Sunday afternoon, Feb. 7th and will remain for two days. Senor F. De Amat, Consul of Spain will be accompanied by Mr. Eberhart of the State Department.

In regard to the recent Doi Family incident at Auburn, California, a teletype from the San Francisco WRA was read, which stated that several persons were arrested having been charged with felony counts of ARson and attempted dynamiting.

The project Director introduced Mr. Hugo Wolters to the Council. Mr. Wolters extended Mr. Dillon Myer's greeting and appreciation for the fine work being done in this center. After giving a brief statement in regard to the Exclusion Act, he explained to the body the activities of the Resettlement Assistance Program and also of the welfare program. He further stated that this Program will take care of every assistance one will need in resettlement or welfare. Discussion on this topic followed.

Mr. C. M. Otoi (52), Mr. K. Fukugai (32) and Mr. M. Aoto (34) were appointed recording secretaries for the discussions to be held in regard to the All Center Conference.

The blocks' reports as to the reactions in regards to the Exclusion Act, closing of centers, Resettlement programs were given by their respective Block's Nominees.

It was decided that the second session of this group be held this Friday, February 9th at 1:30 p.m. at which time the two official delegates for the confab will be elected and all informations and problems wished to be discussed at the conference in Salt Lake City will also be compiled and summarized.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase, Executive Sec'y



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RIVERS, ARIZONA

February 9, 1945

The second special joint meeting of the Community Council and Block representative for the All Center Conference was called to order at 1:38 p.m. with Chairman H. Nishimura presiding. 40 councilmen and representatives were present.

Members of the Butte Community Council approved the recommendation of securing a loan from the Gila River Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. to meet the expenses of the Official Delegates to the All Center Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The reimbursement to the Cooperative will be made as soon as the Evacuee Workers Trust Fund is transferred into Butte Community Fund.

It was decided the regular meeting scheduled to be held on the 12th of February be cancelled and the next meeting be held immediately upon the return of the Official Delegates from Utah.

Discussions were held in regard to the problems to be brought up at the All Center Conference. It was also decided that the two official delegates to be chosen will be decided by the Block Representatives.

As there being no further business concerning the Council the meeting was adjourned so that the Block Representatives can elect the two delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase,
Executive Secretary

REGULAR MEETING
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 26, 1945

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Vice-Chairman Masami Henmi at 1:40 p.m. at the Council Chamber. 24 representatives were present besides Dr. G. Brown. As there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting it stand approved as read.

The Executive Secretary read the teletype No. 137 in regard to the arrest of several persons involved in the Doi incident in Auburn, California.

The letter of resignation from Morito Takeshita, Block 51 Councilman, due to relocation was read and accepted. The alternate representative, Mr. Kasuku Matsumoto, block 51 was then introduced and sworn into office by Dr. Brown.

A detailed report as to the activities and meetings of the Recreation Association was given by their Chairman, Susumu Koyamatsu. Heading the activities planned was the Community-wide Carnival which will take place after the Butte High School Carnival. The High School Carnival is being planned to raise funds for their Annual Year Book.

In reference to the shortage of Nurses Aides at the Butte Hospital, Mr. J. I. Fukushima gave a report to the investigation made by the Manpower Commission.

Chairman Nishimura gave a summary of the All Center Conference held in Salt Lake City, February 16 to February 24, 1945, to which he attended as an Official Delegate. He stated, that the Delegates after serious deliberation, mindful of their grave responsibility to do their utmost for the best welfare of 75,000 people, had made an fervent appeal that the WRA centers be kept open for the duration of war and for some time thereafter as may be needed and, further, be operated with a view to providing residents with necessities, facilities and services on at least on equal level as in the past. A brief resume of the statement of facts and recommendations proposed at the conference was explained to the body.

It was approved by the Council that a joint meeting of the Butte Block Managers and Block Representatives of the Conference be held on Tuesday, February 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Block Manager's office. It was further decided that a mass meeting be

held on March 1st at the Amphitheater in order that the results of the All Center Conference can be conveyed.

The tentative schedule for Mr. Dillon S. Myer as proposed by the Executive Board was approved by the body. It was recommended and approved that representatives from all organizations interested in discussing various problems with Mr. Myer be invited to attend the Butte's Joint Meeting of Block Managers and Councilmen on Saturday, March 3rd.

To avoid complications at the mass meeting with Mr. Myer, it was approved that all problems and questions that would like to be asked be submitted in writing to their respective Block Managers.

Problems on handling and transporting of evacuees' property was brought up by Mr. Endo, and the Chair is to investigate it further with Mr. Reynolds.

As there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase, Executive Sec'y
Butte Community Council

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 12, 1945

Regular session of the Community Council was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Mr. Nishimura, Chairman. Dr. Brown and 19 members were present.

Misspelling of Block 51 representative's name was corrected to Mr. Kasaku Matsumoto instead of Mr. Kasuku Matsumoto. It being the only correction the minutes of the last meeting stands approved as corrected.

Mr. Ushiyama, hospital employee representative, was introduced to the body and he reported that there was trouble brewing but was not able to disclose any facts as yet. He asked for full cooperation on the council whenever a problem came up at the hospital.

Mr. George Oye, the Council Treasurer, gave a report on the expenses of the All Center Conference and also on the financial statement received from the Toy Loan as to the expenditure of the of the Christmas fund.

JACL correspondence asking for financial assistance in establishing offices in various area of West Coast was read. After some consideration the matter was tabled until further detail is attained.

Manpower Commission meeting report was given by the Chairman. He stated that the shortage of help in the D & E wards is critical and that a meeting of patients family was called to appeal for assistance. The meeting proved to be a success and this matter is settled for the time being.

The Chairman reported that at the All Center Conference, the delegates saw a need for a Connection Committee, to bind together and aid in any difficult situations that may arise within the Centers. They decided that they should take this matter up with their respective Council before any action be taken. The Butte Community Council approved the plan and it was agreed to send the sum of \$12.50 as financial aid in establishing the Connecting Committee.

REPORTS:

1. Hoken Kai. It was reported that due to shortage of fund, the February donation to the hospital workers will be lessened.
2. Recreation Association. It was reported that the Coop's donation to the Association is still pending. Mr. George Oye was appointed to represent the Council to the Association as treasurer.
3. The Chairman reported that a letter of appreciation to Topaz for the fine work done at the All Center Conference was sent in behalf of the Butte Community.
4. The Chairman received notice that Mr. Lee, head of Relocation, Mr. Chapman of Internal Department and Mr. Berling of the War Department will arrive for the visit after March 15th.
5. The Chairman asked to councilmen to notify the block residents that those aliens requesting rehearing of their case will have an opportunity to do so.
6. Memorandum from Mr. Shelly in regards to the property transportation and inspection stated that property may be forwarded in more than one shipment and that person may go to the point of inspection and assist in repacking boxes.
7. Mr. Hamanaka, representative to the Juvenile Guidance Committee reported that the main topic of discussion in the last meeting of the committee was the extent of power of the Internal Security in handling the Juveniles.
8. Establishing a Food Committee was approved by the body. Mr. Emoto, Mr. Henmi, Mr. Nakahara, and Mr. Taniguchi was appointed to form the food Committee.
9. Short discussion on sugar situation, increasing of classes for Wood Shop, relocation, and Spanish Consul followed.

Without further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase, Sec'y



MINUTES
OF
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 26, 1946

The meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order at 1:35 p.m. with Chairman H. Nishimura presiding. 21 members of the council and Dr. G. Brown were present.

Mr. Kanekichi Kirita, successor to Mr. Yamashita, was introduced and sworn into office as councilman of Block 65 by Dr. G. Brown.

Mr. Dillon S. Myer's letter to the Project Director concerning the All Center Conference in Salt Lake City and his recent visit to this center was read and interpreted to the body by Mr. K. Fukagai. He stated there are some procedures that may need adjustment from time to time if we are to get the job done, and just as rapidly as modifications are proven to be essential and can be prepared they will be put into effect. Also that he has informed the delegates at their meeting that he would give every consideration to their recommendations. An answer is now in process of preparation.

Copies of the letters sent to various Washington officials and others by the All Center Conference Chairman and their replies were read. Replies were received from F. de Amat-Consul of Spain, Harry S. Truman-Vice President, Herbert Wechsler-Assistant Attorney General, John J. McCloy-Assistant Secretary of War, A. L. Wirin-A.C.L.U. Attorney, Rev. Hugh Lavery-Catholic Mission Society, and Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer-Chairman of Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Mr. Takano, representative from the Gila Cooperative's Fish Department, gave the situation on difficulty involved in the present method of selling fish. He stated that any suggestions in eliminating the trouble will be appreciated. The matter was tabled for further study by the body.

The memorandum of Mr. Shelly's in regards to the Oculist was read and further explanation was given by the Chair. He reported that a list of patients needing the services of an eye specialist is being prepared and will be forwarded to the hospital for arrangements with Dr. Toland.

The Manpower Commission's memo to the Block Managers and Councilmen concerning the shortage of Nurses Aides at the hospital was read and a plea was made that each member of the council to

investigate all available persons, both young and middle-aged, to work as Nurses Aides within their respective Block and report to the personnel office within one week from date.

Mr. Dillon Myer's speech made at the Butte High School Auditorium to the residents has been printed and will be distributed to the council members, block managers, various organization, etc.

Discussion was held on the closing of the mess halls if the population of the block becomes less than 125 people. It was reported that Mess 73 and 74 will consolidate on April 2nd as the population of Block 74 is 121 residents.

Butte's Old Folks Home will be opened very shortly as soon as a caretaker for the place is employed. Difficulty has arisen in locating an elderly couple for this position, but was assured that it will be taken care of soon.

It was reported that the Professional Japanese Dancer, Miss Fujima Kansuma will give a public performance at the amphi-theater sometime during the month of April. The promotion of this Dance Recital is under the auspices of the Recreation Association and CAS.

It was suggested that an investigation be made as to what is being done with the Community Enterprises' so-called "dead-stock". The Chair is to make this inquiry.

A hearing of those arrested for gambling recently is scheduled to be held shortly. It was further recommended that the blocks hold meetings and decide that gambling within their respective block be discouraged in order to eliminate it entirely in the center.

As there being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Yoichi Nakase
Executive Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 5, 1945

The special meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Chairman H. Nishimura at 1:30 p.m. 21 members of the council was present. Others present were: Ben Fukuzawa, Katsuji Kirihara and Mitsuzu Daita, members of the Canal Executive Board.

The letter of resignation of Mr. Junsuke Kikuta was read and was accepted by the body. Mr. Torao Otake, successor to Mr. Kikuta as council representative from Block 58, was introduced and sworn into office by Mr. William Huso.

The memorandum from the All-Center Conference office at Topaz was conveyed to the body. It concerned the resolution proposed by the Heart Mountain Community Council of continuing the school systems within the Centers until the closing of the Centers. The Butte Community Council unanimously approved of the resolution and that a letter of our decision be submitted to Topaz.

The Chairman reported to the body of the administrative conflict that has arisen among the hospital personnel. Following a period of discussion, it was decided that the following message be teletyped to Mr. Dillon S. Myer anticipating that the problem can be settled:

"We, the members of the Community Council representing the residents of the Gila River Project, Rivers, Arizona, do hereby urgently request that your prompt assistance be given toward the solution of the hospital problem.

Health is of prime importance, especially when the closing of the centers is imminent. The presence of the Japanese doctors as staff members of the hospital serve to keep up the morale and the sense of security of the residents, particularly the elder ones who are handicapped by language difficulties.

There has been numerous and diligent attempts to settle this issue locally but we have failed to find a solution. One of our three Japanese doctors has already written his resignation, and the head of the laboratory technician has tendered her resignation some time ago.

The cause of this issue is the presence of the present Acting Chief Medical Officer in the capacity of Chief Medical Officer. There is no objection to his presence here as a staff member.

Therefore, we request that proper steps be taken promptly to name a Chief Medical Officer who is capable of keeping harmony among the hospital staff members."

Mr. Ben Fukuzawa, Chairman of the Canal Community Council reported as to the action taken by the Canal Council on the hospital situation.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Yoichi Nakase

MINUTES
OF
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 9, 1945

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order at 1:52 p.m. with Chairman, H. Nishimura presiding. 18 members of the council were present. Others attending were: Dr. Gordon Brown, William Huso and Roland Barnard.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Roland Barnard, Relocation Officer of Boston, Massachusetts, gave a brief talk on the resettlement opportunities in the New England States Area.

The minutes of the previous meeting was approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCES:

The Project Director's letter to Mr. Myer concerning the recent hospital conflict.

The memorandum from R. B. Cozzens clarifying the rumors alledged to have been made by a news broadcaster over Denver Station KOA.

Internal Security's memo in regard to Lost and Found articles.

Mr. Huso's memorandum stating that relocatees departing on Terminal leaves are issued Certificate of Eligibility for ration books for presentation to Local Board at point of destination.

REPORTS:

Consolidation of Mess 73 and 74 and that it is being operated without any conflict.

Announcement of the opening of the Old Folks' home at 74-7.

Fire that occurred at 27-3 is being taken care of by the Welfare Section.

The Japanese Classical Dance Recital by Miss. Fujima Kansuma on April 14 at the Amphi-theater. Invitations to be sent to the Project Director and Appointed Personnel's Recreational Group.

Financial Report of the Gila Health Committee as of February.

Treasurer's report by George Oye. Received from Community Enterprises Patronage Refund of Canteen No. 4, \$119.12.

April 9, 1945

Letter of appreciation was sent to Mr. D. Ichikawa, who has served earnestly on the Manpower Commission. Mr. S. Konishi was appointed to succeed him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Mitsugu Mamanaka was appointed as a member of the Butte Juvenile Board to replace Mr. Shigeichi Kubo who has relocated.

Rev. Miura of Block 39 was appointed to the Juvenile Guidance Commission to represent the Buddhist Church.

Appointments of the following as member of the newly organized Hospital Public Relation Committee: Masami Henmi, Suyeto Yamaguchi, Kasaku Matsumoto and Harry Nishimura.

Safety-first informations to be publicized for the welfare of the residents in case of fire, children riding on bus, fire-spectators.

The chairman is to make an inquiry in regards to the operations of the emergency ambulance.

Problems and plans for a program for the youth in the center after school closes in June and a special Memorial Day Program to be referred to the blocks by their respective council members.
Discussions to be held at the next meeting of the council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase,
Executive Secretary

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
April 23, 1945

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Chairman Harry Nishimura at 1:38 p.m. at the Council Chamber. The roll call showed 22 members present and also Mr. Shelly. The minutes of the previous meeting was approved as mailed.

Introductions of new members to the council was made by the Chair. Mr. Yoshio Imahara, alternate representative from Block 32 during the absence of Mr. K. Fukagai, Mr. Harry K. Masai, new councilman from Block 56 and Mr. Haruhisa Uchida of Block 61 successor to Mr. G. Kawaguchi are the new members. They were sworn into office by Mr. Shelly.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Mr. John I. Fukushima's letter of resignation as Judicial Commissioner was read and accepted by the council.

Mr. George M. Oye's letter of resignation as Block 56 representative and Community Council Treasurer was read and accepted.

Mr. Dillon S. Myer's letter in regards to the comments on the All Center Conference recommendations was read. The Chairman stated that copies of the comments will be distributed to the various blocks shortly.

REPORTS:

Mr. Shelly reported that there will be no meeting of the Block Managers in Butte due to the services being held for the soldier killed in action. He also stated that Mr. John Provinse and Dr. Pressman will discuss the problem that has occurred at the Hospital this afternoon.

The use of the emergency telephones will be strictly limited and that a new system for its operation is being discussed as reported by Mr. Shelly.

Mr. Tom Kemoto gave a brief report on the Camouflage Trust Fund. The report of the Recreation Association was given by Mr. Susumu Koyamatsu.

The Chairman gave a financial report as of March 31, 1945 of the Hoken Iin Fund. (Gila Health Committee)

Manpower Commission and Community Council Treasurer's reports were given by the Chairman.

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTION:

The appointment of Mr. Douglas Mitsuhashi as Judicial Commissioner was approved by the council

The following were appointed to the Election Commission:

Masakazu Aoto	(34)	Masami Henmi	(57)
Masao Nishimura	(29)	Roy Yagami	(72)
Eiichi Taniguchi		(47)	

Mr. Aoto will be Chairman

The following organizations is to send representatives to form the Butte Community Fund Committee.

Butte Community Council	2 members
Butte Block Managers	2 members
Butte Red Cross	1 member
Butte High School P.T.A.	1 member
Butte Elementary P.T.A.	1 member

The council further approved that the representatives from the Council be selected by the Executive Board.

Election of the Community Council Treasurer to succeed George Oye was held. The result was:

Eiichi Taniguchi	14 votes	--- new treasurer
Susumu Koyamatsu	6 votes	
Tsuruji Nakashima	1 votes	

The appointments by the Chairman as members of the Special Memorial Day Service Committee were approved. They are:

Kamejiro Komuro (59)	Rev. Miura	-- Buddhist Church
Masami Henmi (57)	B. Umeda	-- Ex-Servicemen's Ass.
	Rev. Y. Oshita	-- Christian Church

NEW BUSINESS:

It was the unanimous approval that letters of appreciation be sent to Messrs. Tom Ikemoto, Shobei Sasaki and William G. Graham for their faithful and untiring services given as trustees of the Community Camouflage Trust Fund.

It was announced that a Memorial rite will be held Tuesday, April 24th at 9 a.m. for Sgt. Katsumi Takasugi who was recently killed in action in the European front.

The Chair stated that a telegram of condolence was sent to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on the loss of the President.

A standing vote was taken and it was the majority that the regular meeting of the Community Council be held on Monday morning hereafter effective as of May 4, 1945. The time of the meeting will be 9 a.m.

Discussions were held as to having a Community Council get-together. The following members were appointed to serve on the committee:

Kazumasa Emoto	Tsunekichi Nakahara
Masami Henni	Masakazu Aoto
Eiichi Taniguchi	

Other business discussed and tabled pending further investigations were on "Sen-betsu", work opportunities in Defense Plants, Safety problems, cooler maintenance man, and Sanitary problems.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase,

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SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 2, 1945

The special meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order at 9:15 a.m. with Chairman Harry Nishimura presiding. 21 members of the Council were present at this session. Others present were: Mr. Tokio Wada -- Block Manager of 74, Mr. Kihei Tanaka -- Block Manager of 59 and Mr. J. Shelly.

Mr. Chairman gave an explanation as to the disapproval of some blocks in the creation of the Butte Community Council. It was stated that some persons signing the affidavit of Authorization and Release had misinterpreted the contents of the form and wishes to reconsider it once again.

After two hours of argumentation, it was finally decided a vote be taken as to the three propositions as suggested by the Chairman:

- (1) To create the Community Fund as previously planned.
- (2) To refund to the Camouflage Trust Fund, the portion in argument.
- (3) To return the full amount received to the Camouflage Fund Trustees.

The result of the vote was in favor of the creation of the Community Fund as previously planned.

It was the decision of the council that notice be given in the News-Courier both English and Japanese as to the action taken by the Council in regards to the Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase, Executive Sec'y
Butte Community Council

MINUTES OF THE
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 7, 1945

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order with Chairman Harry Nishimura presiding at 9:30 a.m. 18 members of the council were present. Special visitor was Mr. Dwight O. Welch. The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as mailed.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Welch, Pacific Southwest Area Council Y.M.C.A. Secretary, who gave a little talk on Public Relations in the Westcoast and the work the "Y" is doing for the return of Japanese to the Coastal areas.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Letter to Mr. Warahara from Butte Community Council in regards to W.R.A. field offices in the Westcoast.

Memorandums from Mr. Shelly in regards to Fire Protection and Safety for Children.

Mr. William Graham's letter of acknowledgment of Council's letter of gratitude sent to him.

REPORTS:

Progress of the Community Fund Committee was given by the Chairman. Scholarship fund being surveyed by Mr. Tokuyama.

The set-up of the newly organized Hospital Medical Staff to handle the administrative operations of the hospital was reported by the Chair.

Mr. Aoto gave the details and arrangements made by the Picnic Committee. The date is May 10, 1945 -- 5 p.m.

The special meeting of the Recreation Association Chairman with several others in regards to the policies of the association was reported.

The facts of the petition from the Hospital Mess Crew was read. It concerned the difficulty that arose in the operation of the kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Opportunities for resettlement on the Wilson Plantation in Arkansas was discussed.

Discussions on opening of Old Folks' Homes in California, All-Center Scholarship Fund, and fund raising for Baseball Association were held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase,
Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 12, 1945

The special meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order at 9:25 a.m. with Chairman Harry Nishimura presiding. Roll call showed 21 members of the council present.

The Chairman explained to the body in detail the situation that arose within the Community Activities Section of the Butte Community which caused a temporary stoppage of operations in its activities.

Mr. Toshihisa Goto, C.A.S. Administrator, was introduced to the body and he gave his viewpoint on the conflict. After a lengthy discussion on this matter, it was the unanimous approval of the body that the following resolution be drafted and submitted to the Community Management for its consideration:

1. The administration of the personnel in the C.A.S. function as has been done in the past.
2. That an advisory Board composed of the Central Block Manager, Chairman of the Butte Community Council and Recreation Association Chairman assist the Administrator of the Community Activities Section with its problems.
3. That the practice of prejudice among fellow workers be peremptorily discontinued.
4. That the Community Activities Staff continue to render to the residents their faithful and untiring services for the welfare of the community.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase,
Executive Secretary

BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

May 21, 1945

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order at 9:15 a.m. with Chairman Harry Nishimura presiding. 21 members of the council were present. Others present were: Mr. Okamura, Mr. Minato and Mr. Takashiro from Hospital Kitchen Crew; Mr. Daita, Messrs. Kirihara, Fukuzawa and Harada from Canal Executive Board, and Mr. Shelly. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Okamura was introduced by the Chairman and he explained to the body the complete incident which brought about the submitting of the petition concerning the Hospital Kitchen Crew conflict. After one and one-half hour of discussion, it was the decision of the Canal Executive Board and the Butte Community Council that this problem be referred to a Mediation Committee composed of the Executive Board and Hospital Board of both camps.

CORRESPONDENCES:

The letter of resignation from Mr. Harry K. Masai, Block 56 representative, was read and accepted.

Rohwer Relocation Center's letter in regards to Mr. Myer's Comment on the All-Center Conference Recommendation was read.

The Chairman read Hospital Superintendent, Mr. O. Lee Prather's memorandum concerning meals in Hospital Mess.

Announcement of Mr. Stewart as Acting Chief of Agriculture during the absences of Mr. Davidson.

REPORT:

The Chairman gave the result of the C.A.S. incident.

Mr. Henmi reported the Cooperative Enterprises donation for the Community Council's outing. Letter of appreciation was sent to them.

Juvenile Guidance Commission's meeting report was given by the Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was the unanimous approval of the body that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr. Gordon Brown, who is leaving Gila on the 26th of May;

Discussions on relocation procedures, and evacuee properties were held.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Yoichi Nakase, Sec'y

BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

June 4, 1945

The regular session of the Butte Community Council was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Harry H. Nishimura, at 9:20 a.m. Roll call disclosed that 19 members of the Council were present. The minutes of the previous meeting stands approved as mailed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman disclosed that representative Mr. Hasegawa and Mr. Iwasaki will determine the amount of the Community Fund to be transferred to the Butte Scholarship Fund and that the High School Student Council will donate a portion of their treasury toward the Scholarship Fund.

Matter pertaining to the Hospital Mess Crew, the Chairman reported that the Mediation Committee met and decided to have the Chairman of both Councils consult Dr. Lawson on the matter. Without coming to any satisfactory conclusion with Dr. Lawson, the Mediation Committee disbanded.

A short report was given by Mr. Aoto on the progress of the Election.

The Chairman announced that upon investigation with the Evacuee Property, it is the gov't regulation to remove the property within 60 days but they will not force its removal within that time. 90 days extension will be granted if the property is in a warehouse outside.

CORRESPONDENCE

A telegram in regards to the Aloha Service Center was received from Fort Snelling stating that they have no knowledge of such an organization. A letter of explanation was received later, stating that there was an organization asking for aid in establishing the Aloha Service Center. It was the decision of the council to table the matter until further investigation.

Letter of appreciation from Mr. W.C. "Tom" Sawyer was translated by Mr. Kozo Fukagai. It was an unanimous approval of the Council that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Sawyer.

The letter received from Rohwer in reference to Mr. Myer's Comment and Topaz's response was read. The body decided that both Executive Boards and the representatives to the All-Center conference confer and write a reply to Topaz.

NEW BUSINESS

From June 5th the Ration Books will be issued in this Center for the relocaters.

After some investigation, individual purchases of farm implements now being used on this project is still uncertain.

Continued operation of Woodshop class is still under consideration. Service Station, Janitor and domestic training course is now being planned.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to the Vice-chairman, Mr. Henmi. Mr. Nishimura explained in detail the plan and purpose for the establishment of the Japanese-American Student's Scholarship Fund. Discussion followed and was finally approved unanimously by the Council. The Vice-chairman turned the meeting back to the Chairman.

Dr. Lawson's Fund was brought up and the body decided to table the matter until Dr. Lawson sends a clear written statement of expenditure.

Without further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoichi Nakase

BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING

June 18, 1945

The joint meeting of the old and the new Butte Community Council was called to order at 9:15 a.m. with Chairman Harry Nishimura presiding. Roll call showed 18 members of the fourth term, 12 newly elected members present. Also attending the meeting was Mr. L.H. Bennett, Project Director.

The newly elected members of the Council were introduced to the body by the Executive Secretary. Then the Chairman introduced Mr. Bennett who expressed his appreciation in behalf of the W.R.A. to the old council and especially to the Chairman, Mr. Nishimura, for their faithful and unselfish services given to the administrative and the community. He welcomed the new councilmen and told them of the job that lies ahead for us. He stated that as leaders of the community we must all work and plan together in helping the people toward the readjustment, they must make as the closing of the center is near.

Mr. Bennett explained that the closing of the Diet Kitchen at Mess 42 was due to the unavailability of the required and skilled personnel to continue the operation of the kitchen. He further stated that there will be a reduction of various hospital services and materials due to manpower shortages. The shortage of water can only be solved by the cooperation of all residents and staff members by conserving the use of its limited needs only.

The financial report of the Gila Health Committee was given by the Chairman.

The telegram from Poston in regards to the poor quality of lumber being used to make boxes for the relocater, was read and that an answer was sent to the quality of lumber being used here.

The letter to Dr. Grace Lawson pertaining to the funds she had spent for the patients in the hospital was read and the disposition of this problem will be pending upon receipt of an answer to this letter.

Upon the recommendation of the old and new members of the council, the Chairman appointed the following to serve on the Nomination Committee to select officers for recommendation to the new council:

Susumu Koyamatsu
Kinsaku Onuma

Masakazu Aoto
Takashi Osada

Kazumasa Emoto
Sadato Otsuka

Mr. Henmi expressed in behalf of the Fourth Term Council members their gratitude to Mr. Nishimura for serving as the Chairman. In response, Mr. Nishimura thanked the councilmen for their cooperation in having carried out a successful term and a job well done, and to the new council he left with them his wishes, "To assist in every way possible, the job of helping the people readjust so resettlement can be possible for them".

Mr. Endo stated that each and every member of the council must do their part in carrying out the problems that faces us by attending every meeting.

It is the unanimous approval that the meeting time be changed to 1:30 p.m. hereafter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Yoichi Nakase

BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FIFTH TERM
MINUTES

Rivers, Arizona

July 2, 1945

It was approved by the body that Mr. Harry H. Nishimura be temporary chairman for the meeting until a chairman is elected. The meeting was called to order by the temporary Chairman, Mr. H. Nishimura at 1:35 p.m. Roll Call disclosed that 24 members were present.

Mr. Shelly administered the Oath to the members of the council and then thanked the old council, especially Mr. Nishimura for the friendship and the untiring services rendered to the community during the past term. He welcomed the new council and asked for full cooperation in handling the difficult task ahead in closing the center and he stated that his office will be open all the time for individual or community problems or suggestions.

Mr. Nishimura in turn thanked Mr. Shelly for his guidance and for his unselfish determination to help, for the betterment of the community.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mr. Masakazu Aoto for the election.

Messrs. Niimi 54 Blk., Henmi 57 Blk., Koyamatsu 31 Blk., and Ouchida 56 Blk. were nominated for Chairmanship by the Committee.

Vote was taken and before the announcement of the elected Chairman it was made known that Mr. James Sakata of Block 40 had relocated and according to the constitution the alternate (second vote in block election) be his successor. Mr. Harry H. Nishimura was automatically Block 40 representative. Mr. Nishimura was added to the nomination list and the vote was taken over again. (first vote void)

Mr. Nishimura became Chairman of the fifth term.

Messrs. Niimi 54 Blk., Henmi 57 Blk., Ouchida 56 Blk., and Koyamatsu 31 Blk. were nominated for Vice-chairman by the Committee.

Votes revealed Mr. Henmi as vice-chairman.

Messrs. Matsuoka 74 Blk., Ouchida 56 Blk., and Niimi 54 Blk., were nominated for Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ouchida was elected Executive Secretary.

Messrs. Taniguchi 47 Blk. and Endo 73 Blk. were nominated for treasurer. Mr. Taniguchi elected.

Messrs. Koyamatsu 31 Blk., Aoto 34 Blk., Matsumoto 51 Blk., and Osada 65 Blk. were nominated for two Executive Board Members.

Mr. Koyamatsu and Mr. Aoto were elected Executive Board Members.

The Chairman asked for approval of the suggestion made by the Juvenile Guidance Committee Chairman, Mr. Asami, to divide the Blocks into five

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districts and hold a special meeting in each district to advise or to obtain suggestions from the parents as to the Juvenile problems and programs. Mr. Aoto, Mr. Suzuki, and Mr. Yamabe will be in charge of the meetings.

It was the approval of the Council body that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Yoichi Nakase, former Executive Secretary, who had relocated.

In the absence of Mr. Hasegawa, Chairman of the Scholarship Fund Committee, Mr. Nishimura reported that two applications for scholarship were made, up to date and a grant of \$150.00 each were made. There was some misunderstanding in regard to the Scholarship Fund and a meeting was being called to give full explanation of the work involved in granting the Fund.

Hoken Kai report was made and disclosed that Group I (M.D.) was raised to \$100, Group II (Reg. Nurses, Pharmacist, & Dentist) was raised to \$15.00 and Group III (Nurses Aides, Orderlies, & etc.) remain the same \$1.50. Suggestion in granting \$2.00 to the secretary who works on the account of the Hoken Kai was made. The Chairman asked the body to consult with the Block representative.

Appointment of Chieko Arima to Judicial Clerk was announced.

Manpower Commission report revealed that D Ward was in need of Nurses Aide. Seriousness of the situation was brought forth and some immediate attention will be made.

Critical water shortage in Butte was made known in a letter from Mr. Bennett. Every possible effort in conserving water must be taken or hose and faucet handles will be taken up. Posters have been made and will be distributed in the Blocks.

Closure of Mess 42, Special Diet Kitchen, brought complaints from the residents. They asked for better arrangement of obtaining the special diet food and baby foods. The Food Committee was re-appointed and they are to investigate the matter. Food committee consists of Mr. Taniguchi, Mr. Emoto, Mr. Henmi and Mr. Nakahara. Health Public Relation Committee representative Mr. Harry Nishimura was also included.

The Chairman announced that the Woodshop classes will not be available and also that the individual purchases of WRA equipment is not probable.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Ouchida
Executive Secretary

BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

July 16, 1945

Chairman, Mr. Harry H. Nishimura called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Roll call disclosed 22 members present. Mr. Doi representing Block 52 and Mr. Kodama representing Block 56. Mr. A. L. Griswold was also present.

Messrs. Ito Block 28, Kanno 60, Nishimura 40, Okazaki 66, Emoto 48, Osada 65, and Tanaka 60 were sworn into office by Mr. A. L. Griswold.

Mr. Niimi was asked to be acting Executive Sec'y during the absence of Mr. Oshida.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minidoka Relocation Center's relocation statistic and the letter of appreciation and acknowledgement from Mr. W. C. "Tom" Sawyer was read.

Memorandum in regard to the Ration Stamp Book disclosed that the stamps already removed is an order by OPA and must be removed accordingly.

It was reported that a letter of appreciation was sent to Mr. Yoichi Nakase the former Executive Sec'y.

Army boxes for crating freight is due to arrive by the end of this week for relocaters.

Classes for teaching how to use Ration Book is now being planned for the residents. More details will follow.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

Judicial Commissioner: Douglas Mitsuhashi, Tokuichi Niimi, and Ernest Iwasaki,

Juvenile Board Members: Tsuruzo Hasegawa, Michimasa, Asami, Rev. Y. Miura.

Juvenile Guidance Commission: Tsuruzo Hasegawa, Mitsuru Hamanaka, Masakazu Aoto, Tokuichi Niimi and Douglas Mitsuhashi.

Advisors:

Mrs. C. Andres, A. L. Griswold, W. A. May, and J. L. Stringer.

Recreation Association Chairman: Mr. Susumu Koyamatsu

Gila Health Committee (Hoken Kai) & Health Public Relation Committee:

Masami Henmi, Masao Nishimura, Hayashida, T. Wada, and Shigenaka.

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Manpower Commission: T. Ikemoto, Furuno, George Kato, Okamura, and Utsunomiya.

Resettlement Advisory Committee: Masakazu Aoto, Rinkichi Endo, Masami Henmi.

Food Committee: K. Emoto, M. Henmi, T. Nakahara, and E. Taniguchi.

Butte Community Fund Committee: Masami Henmi, Ernest Iwasaki, Tsuruzo Hasegawa, Michimasa Asami, Douglas Mitsuhashi, Masakazu Aoto, and Eiichi Taniguchi--Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shortage of ice was brought up and the Chairman explained that cantaloup packing season in the surrounding areas has caused the shortage and assured the body that this shortage will not last very much longer.

The Chairman reported that there are only 20 to 25 special diet cases and the plan is now being planned to have the ambulance make the rounds on the regular bus route for the patients. The Baby Food matter will be taken up with Dr. Lawson as soon as she returns from her trip.

Dr. Lawson's expenditure reimbursement was discussed thoroughly and it was the decision of the Council that the Council cannot make this payment. No. "Sunshine Fund" nor "Happiness Fund" exists according to the previous Council minutes and that it was not for the Community to make payment for such expenditure. The WRA should provide equipment and fund used by the Hospital.

Discussion on Relocation and Closure of the Center followed. It was unanimously approved that a meeting be held in each Block to consider various problems on relocation. The date for the meeting will be determined after the Block Managers meeting on July 17th.

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

July 30, 1945

Before the meeting was called to order Mr. Bennett was introduced by the Executive Secretary Mr. H. Ouchida and he thanked the council for their services rendered to the Community and the administration.

Mr. Todd formerly of Heart Mt., Wyoming was introduced as new Director to succeed Mr. Bennett. He gave a few words and asked the council for their cooperation.

Meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Acting Chairman, Masami Henmi. Roll call disclosed 24 members present besides Mr. A. L. Griswold. Minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Messrs. Ichisuke Amano Block 36, I. Mizuno Block 66, and Yasuo Fujimoto Block 73 were sworn into the council by Mr. Griswold.

Acting Chairman announced that Mr. H. Ouchida Executive Secretary had returned and that Mr. Niimi will be Acting Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Dr. Lawson in regard to the Council's decision to the reimbursement of the expenses was read.

Letter of appreciation and acknowledgement from Mr. Yoichi Nakase, former Executive Secretary was read.

Canal's letter of request to Mr. D. S. Myers in regard to the closure of the Canal Camp was read and also the answer to the letter was translated by Mr. Niimi.

Letter from the All Center Conference Office, Topaz, Utah was read by the Acting Chairman. The San Joaquin Valley decision by the court of that county toward the case of Palmo vs Stockton Kaisha will affect the future leases of the Japanese in general emphasizing every community; therefore, the council is to study the problem and make protest.

REPORT:

Acting Chairman reported that the cover sheet and all relocation papers has been translated and is now being printed and will be distributed in each block.

Scholarship Fund student interview is taken by Mr. E. Iwasaki and investigation of individual family situation is made by Mr. T. Hasegawa.

Switzerland will be counsel for the Japanese Nationals. Representative from each block is necessary; therefore, the councilmen are to bring in the names of their representative by Friday, August 3rd.



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Butte residents request in regard to the closure of the centers was read. The Executive Board is to write out a compiled statement and send it to the All Center Conference Headquarter at Topaz, Utah.

Dr. Lawson's fund was once more brought up. It was the decision of the council to table the matter until Mr. Nishimura, Chairman of the council, returns.

Milk shortage is due to the closure of the dairy farm and plans are now being made to make some kind of a contract with the city dairy.

Without further discussion the meeting adjourned. 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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