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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: August 13, 1943  
Friday  
TIME: 2:30 P.M.  
3:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room

The first meeting of the Heart Mountain Community Council was held at the Conference Room, at 2:30 p.m., Friday, August 13, 1943.

Roll was called and only block 15 was absent. Block 17 was represented by Mr. Motoyoshi as temporary Councilman.

Mr. Sashihara was elected as temporary chairman until a regular chairman is elected.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Umemoto to take the minutes of the first meeting.

Since the candidate for councilman of block 17 resigned, Mr. Motoyoshi was nominated and elected but the required 10 days had not lapsed between the time of nomination and election; therefore, a reelection is necessary.

Mr. Ritchie moved that a special election be held August 27, 1943 for block 17

It was suggested that the chairman appoint two councilman to serve as members of the election board for this special election. Mr. Tsunokai and Mr. Nagumo were appointed and these two councilmen are to contact Mr. Anderson to prepare for the election.

The use of both English and Japanese at the meetings was accepted.

The chairman stated that he had contacted Mr. Anderson about the secretary and stenographer and had asked Mr. Anderson to withhold the termination of the former secretary and stenographer until further notice.

Tuesday, August 17, 1943 was designated as date of second meeting of the Community Council. Meeting is to start at 9:00 a.m. sharp. The chairman was authorized to call special meetings whenever he deems it necessary.

The question as to who is to conduct the block meetings was raised. Mr. Iwasaki moved that the former block chairman continue to conduct the block meetings until the Community Council discuss this matter at the next meeting; the motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Yonemura wanted to know whether the Community Council is going to continue where the Temporary Council of Block Chairmen left off or is it going to start anew; it was decided that this question be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Ritchie moved that the Council ask Mr. Iwamoto to serve as secretary of the Community Council; the motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Yokoi was asked to contact Mr. Iwamoto.

Mr. Nakaki moved that the Council elect a chairman at the next meeting; motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.



# Meeting of Temporary Council of Block Chairmen and New Councilmen

Date: August 12, 1943  
Wednesday

Time: 9:30 a.m.  
12:00 M

Location: High School  
Room 2

Roll Call: No absentee

Mr. Sashihara read the petition to be presented to the Spanish Consul. Vote was taken by new councilmen as to approval of petition.

Result: 17 approved, 3 did not vote.

Mr. Sashihara had been appointed spokesman and Mr. Oki appointed interpreter.

Captain Antonio Martin and Mr. Blake arrived at 10:30 a.m.

The following questions on expatriation and repatriation were asked Mr. Blake.

Rev. Horikoshi: Are people going to Japan allowed to take only \$300?

Mr. Blake: That is the agreement made with the Japanese and American Governments.

Mr. Mineta: What is the amount of jewelry allowed a transferee?

Mr. Blake: Just the daily normal amount of jewelry worn by individuals can be taken. Baggage will be examined by custom officials to determine whether articles come under excess or confiscated categories.

Mr. Sashihara: Is it possible to have someone jot down my home address to convey a personal message?

Mr. Blake: Regulations say written documents other than passport are not allowed. When one is found in possession of such matter, penalty will be confiscation of same.

Mr. Blake left.

The following points on indigent were asked by Japanese Government:

1. Number of indigent
2. Number of families and total individuals that need aid and the reason why they have come into this situation.
3. A proper solution that this body might suggest.
4. If any groups or benefactors are aiding or helping them?

Prepare report dated as of August 12, 1943 and submit 4 copies to Captain Martin, 58 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California, and he in turn will submit them to Spanish Embassy.

Council was asked to submit a comprehensive report on the food situation, clothing allowance, and health situation.

A message from Japan was received via Captain Martin (resolution passed by Japanese House of Representatives on February 27). Copy is attached.

Council decided to send a reply message to Japan.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 M.



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A. Project Director's Office

10:00 a.m.

Present: D.S. Myer, Director; Guy Robertson, Project Director; M.O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director; former block chairmen and new councilmen.

Former chairman of Block Chairmen's Council addressed welcome on behalf of the former Block Chairmen and present councilmen. Mr. Myer addressed in reply, stressing his appreciation for mutual cooperation and understanding between evacuees and the Administration. Spokesman for the meeting, Mr. Sashihara, requested Mr. Myer's answers to questionnaire previously submitted to him for his consideration.

Following are his answers in the order of topics:

#### FOOD:

Mr. Myer after reviewing the questionnaire pointed out a mistake or two in it, and said the figure of 30¢ per capita per day is low. He alleged that the present cost of food per capita a day is running at 35-40¢, however, he assured no concern over food problem. Budget was based same as the last year except WRA figured our cash outlay at 31¢, balance to be produced on the project.

Sashihara pointed out inconsistency in the procurement procedure. He declared that leeway must be provided so that food can be purchased through the Food Committee set up in the project without having to go thru the quartermaster in the event that the latter fails to procure food ordered on the market. Mr. Robertson informed that the latest Administrative Instruction calls for only channel whereby food is purchased shall be the quartermaster. Mr. Myer indicated his want of knowledge in procurement procedure and agreed to check up on it.

When asked what settlement will be made if the project fails to produce the difference between the 45¢ and the cash outlay of 31¢, Mr. Myer revealed that such a figure was set up as an estimate; hence, it is not to be a binding. With respect to the matter of food surplus as questioned by Mr. Okamoto, Mr. Myer explained that food appropriations do not carry over from one fiscal year to another. WRA figured for 132,000 evacuees and for 14 relocation centers instead of present 10; hence, the surplus. He explained that the major reason for not expending 45¢ is:

- a. We could not utilize our ration beyond a certain point,
- b. and we got all the food we wanted.

to fish problem, Mr. Robertson commented that the services in this connection has been rendered by the Food Committee set up under the supervision of Block Chairmen's Council and that the storage facilities are excellent.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCES:

Mr. Myer admitted that the unemployment compensation has not been utilized in a wide degree. WRA is not planning a drastic reduction of employment as a whole over a long pull but plans to reduce employment in one project so as to increase employment in other project. It is not his intention to create hardship in the center to force evacuees for outside employment.

As to higher clothing allowances, Mr. Myer said he is not in position in making commitment. Too high clothing allowances would interfere with relocation. He also emphatically denied uniform clothing allowances irrespective of employment status as policies cannot be changed at present. He explained the reason for providing clothing allowances to workers. He said working people should get better break.



DOCTORS:

Mr. Myer informed that WRA is requesting the War Department to have additional doctors. Inspecting the hospital ~~services well~~ situation here, Mr. Myer said that he found the hospital services well organized. Not much progress has been made in securing internee doctors as it is a questionable thing to do. Mr. Myer assured that he would handle the doctor situation somehow.

Psychopathic ward;

Mr. Myer said he cannot install specialists for mental patients. Best thing to do is to send patients to outside wards.

Dental services;

The Spokesman Mr. Sashihara revealed dental situation here in this center. He explained that dentists are inclined to order dental plates on the outside; hence, outside prevailing prices are charged to evacuees. Mr. Myer said WRA provides minimum dental services if needed. He said he is not in position to change policies now. WRA regulations provide that physicians determine as to whether a person needs dental plate and furnishes such free of charge in case of necessity. Mr. Myer expressed ignorance of private dental business in the center. He stressed that it is absolutely against the WRA policy to allow private enterprises in relocation centers. He requested support of councilmen to cure such situation.

RELOCATION:

a. Licensing:

WRA will assist evacuees in securing licenses.

b. Family group resettlement:

Mr. Myer ~~depicted~~ depicted that colonization in a large number of family group resettlement would instigate the legislation and result in unfavorable reactions on the part of the community. He advocated a group resettlement of 5-20 persons in one area so that they can more easily mix with the other population and create a better inter-relationship between the Japanese and the Americans.

As to financing farmers, it may be obtained from the Farm Security Administration or some other finance agencies, but the WRA declines to institutionalize over a long period of time by financing evacuees in farming.

c. Return to west coast:

Sentiment getting better. Slow process.

Meeting adjourned till afternoon session; 12:00 M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 PM

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Session continued from morning discussions.

FARM EQUIPMENT:

California law restricting removal of commercial property outside of the State will not be put in effect except in books, said Mr. Myer, although this law applies to not only all Californians but to evacuees formerly made their residences in the State and now store their commercial property in the State. However, there is no way of preventing compulsory requisitions by the Army or the Government. When requesting transfer, the equipment must be indicated as to where it will be used and for what purposes. In order to have ~~it~~ it shipped outside of California. Just to evade the issue of freezing or Governmental requisitions, removal of commercial property to relocation centers will not be permitted. All individual cases for such request may be considered, said Mr. Myer.



LEUPP CENTER:

Leupp Center. Population, 70. Location: Near Winslow, Arizona. Established as a place for agitators and trouble makers. In case of alien agitators, they will be taken to detention camps.

The Leupp Center is called an isolation center, not a concentration center.

Mr. Myer said it may be in the ~~xx~~ true sense of word a violation of civil liberties to confine persons in an isolation camp. Transferrees to such a center may not necessarily be doomed to stay there for the duration.

Health and sanitation:

Evacuees at the Leupp Center are well taken care of with respect to health conditions. But there is no doctor nor nurse. Those who need medical attention are sent back to relocation centers.

Food and housing facilities are better than relocation centers.

Although in such a case where immediate transfer of evacuees is warranted without hearings in the project, a thorough documentation shall be prepared and every case shall be reviewed at Washington before such removal is effected. Mr. Myer admitted that there may be some mistakes in some cases and requested the new council to take up action if some error is involved in a case on the ~~apix~~ part of the administration by presenting substantial evidences. Mr. Myer said he will be glad to view such cases and rectify mistakes if found to exist.

Mr. Sashihara submitted a signed statement of an evacuee who was treated with discrimination on a train. Mr. Myer asked for more detail facts in order to trace the case with the railroad company.

Having no more questions to ask, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: August 17, 1943  
 Tuesday  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 11:50 a.m.  
 PLACE: Conference Room

Meeting went into session at 9:00 a.m. No absentee: Minutes of the Council meeting of August 13 were read by Mr. Umemoto, temporary secretary, and were passed with one correction.

Temporary Chairman, Mr. Sashihara, conveyed the Council's request that Mr. Iwamoto serve as secretary of the Community Council. Mr. Iwamoto accepted to serve until such time his leave clearance comes through. Miss Rosie Nakagawa was officially appointed as assistant secretary.

Discussion followed on election of the Council officers. Motion was moved by Mr. Y nemura that vice-chairman act as executive secretary but was amended that vice-chairman act as executive secretary when executive secretary is indisposed. Mr. Masunaga seconded. Motion was carried unanimously to have a chairman, vice-chairman, and an executive secretary.

Method of election was decided that one officer is nominated and elected at a time. Mr. Sashihara was nominated and nomination was closed. Mr. Sashihara was duly elected chairman of the Council unanimously. Messrs. Nagumo and Ritchie were nominated for vice-chairman. Mr. Nagumo was elected by a vote of 10:9.

Floor then was open for nomination of executive secretary. Messrs. Masunaga, Nakaki, Umemoto were nominated. Mr. Masunaga was elected as executive secretary. After due deliberation on conduct of block meetings, the Council passed that block meetings are to be conducted as heretofore. Question as to who shall conduct block meetings. Mr. Yonemura was opposed to having councilmen to conduct block meetings. Mr. Ritchie concurred in the former's opinion. According to Mr. Anderson on this matter, revealed Mr. Y nemura, it may be advisable to elect or select a chairman of such meetings by block residents, and councilmen and block managers are to be confined to just making reports. Mr. Yokoi moved that let it be at the option of block residents to decide who shall conduct block meetings. Supplement was made by Mr. Nakaki that both councilmen and block managers are to attend block meetings and that this body request block manager's attendance. Motion was carried unanimously.

A matter as to the number of block meetings to be held was then decided. Mr. Matsushige first moved that block meetings be held weekly. A few councilmen expressed objection to the motion and it was put on a vote. As the motion was defeated by a vote of 10:7. Mr. Masunaga made a motion that block meetings are to be held every other week. Motion was seconded and carried: Pros: 12 Cons: 1. The Council passed that the first block meeting be held on coming Monday.

The Council ruled that individual councilmen's job assignments should be handled personally.

As the first agenda for the Council, Mr. Sashihara declared that a new and permanent Judicial Commission should be established. Messrs. Anderson, Payne, Lechlitter, Doi, and Matsui are to be invited to the Council meeting on Thursday, August 19. Mr. Ritchie suggested that the new Council tender a letter of appreciation to the former Council of Block Chairmen: Passed.

Mr. Iwamoto informed that Mr. Robertson's nephew had been killed in action in Sicily; hence, Mr. Robertson has left for Casper and will not be back till tonight. The Council assigned Mr. Masunaga to draft a letter of condolence. It was also reported by the secretary that no definite arrangement has been made for the new Council to meet the Governor Hunt tomorrow. The Council decided to meet again tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: August 18, 1943

Wednesday

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

11:10 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room

All councilmen were present.

Minutes of August 17 meeting were read and approved without correction.

Mr. Anderson informed the Council that due to attendance at a hearing at Jackson, Wyo. on establishment of the Jackson Hole National monument, the Governor Hunt was unable to arrive at Heart Mountain today. It is still unknown as to when he will arrive here.

REPORT:

Mr. Nagumo reported that the election for Block 17 councilman will be held on August 27 in Block 17 according to the Election Board of that block, Mr. Motoyoshi is the only candidate.

The Council assigned secretary to prepare the election ballot and registration form for the election of Mr. Motoyoshi.

Secretary Iwamoto read the letter of sympathy drafted by Executive Secretary Masunaga to be submitted to Mr. Robertson. Also the letter of appreciation to individual block chairmen was read for the Council's approval. Both were accepted and the Council decided that both letters be publicized on the bulletin.

Chairman Sashihara explained the parliamentary procedures. He conferred adoption of such procedures for the Council meeting. The Council had no objection.

Setting up committees in the Council was moved by Mr. Iwasaki. Motion was seconded. Mr. Sashihara explained the function and members of committees that the Council deems necessary to be set up. According to the Charter, the function of a committee is policy making and in the capacity of investigation. Chairman of a committee shall be a councilman but members may be selected from among residents who are considered competent in the kind of committee set up. Mr. Iwasaki's motion was carried unanimously.

The Council adopted following committees under the Community Council:

Agriculture, Community Enterprises, Education-Recreation (including Space Committee of Rec. Dept.), Food, Welfare (inclusive of Housing and Clothing), Legal Department (Judicial, legislation, evacuee property, other legal aspects), Labor, Health and Sanitation, Resettlement and Public Relations, and a representative to the Community Activities Board of Trustees.

Discussion on the selection and number of committee men followed. The Council agreed on submitting individual choices of committee and concluded that such committees as above shall be composed of 3 councilmen and no residents. No individual committeemen shall act as representatives of the Council, hence, they shall not make any commitment unless the Council has approved such upon their consultation at the Council meeting. Mr. Yonemura moved that each councilman submit his choices (three) of committee to the Chairman and that chairman, vice-chairman, and executive sec'y shall make appointment of each councilmen to respective committees he has chosen. Motion was seconded and carried.

A representative from the Police Department requested contribution on behalf of the Zebra baseball team which is slated to exchange bats with the Gila Relocation Center teams. He asked that any contribution from the councilmen be forwarded to the Police Department today. The Council agreed that councilmen may contribute as individual donors and not as councilmen.

Mr. Yokoi brought a question of farewell party for segregants in each block. He suggested that a uniform program be set for such parties throughout the center. The Council referred the matter to the option of individual blocks. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Attended: Messrs. Anderson, Lechlitter, Matsui, Doi, and Miss Payne.  
Mr. Nakaki was the sole absentee  
Minutes of August 15 were read and passed without correction.

Messrs. Lechlitter and Doi present.

Mr. Chairman explained the urgency of establishing a Judicial system and requested legal opinions in the kind of system that should be installed under the Community Council.

Mr. Doi took the floor and expressed his choice of the kind of Judicial system for this center. He illustrated three categories that can be installed here: namely, the kind of Judicial Commission we have been familiar with heretofore; secondly, panel jury system; and lastly, the Administration handle all criminal cases. He designated 3-7 commissioners under the Judicial Commission under the first category. Under the panel jury system, one issei and one nisei should be selected in each block to be listed for summoning for jury duty. From this list 7 commissioners may be selected to serve as judicial commissioners or jurors for any one case, no two or more cases shall be tried by same jurors. Assignment to jury duty may be done in alphabetic order. The difficulty in this procedure is the selection of persons for such duty. Chairman of the jurors may serve indefinitely throughout all cases, but shall not participate in the rendition of verdict.

Mr. Lechlitter was asked to express his opinion in the selection of court system. Although he was interested in the proposal of panel, lack of experience on the part of jurors may prove inefficient. He commented on the Judicial Commission such as we have been following as his choice since commissioners do not alter, thus, giving more experience. If the Council favors panel system, he urged strongly to have only three members instead of seven as designated by Mr. Doi to participate in each trial. He chose that the chairman of the jury should have the power to vote. As to the employment status, at least the prosecutor should be assigned to the Project Attorney's office as between the Administration and evacuees. He informed that this center is the only one with a preliminary hearing board set up.

Messrs. Anderson and Matsui, and Miss Payne attended.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Lechlitter what constitutes jurisdiction under the Judicial Commission. All misdemeanors and violations or ordinance adapted by the Council shall be tried under the jurisdiction of said body.

Mr. Okamoto questioned right of WRA to exercise the power of conviction of evacuee in the same manner as carried on the outside courts. Mr. Lechlitter stated that Congressional Appropriation had ratified Presidential Executive Order #9102 which gives the Director of WRA the authority to maintain and operate relocation centers. However, the Judicial Commission in the center is not a court of law as such: it is more nearly an administrative body.

There is no possibility of personal liabilities attached to evacuees who as court members should have any connection with the verdict or conviction of the accused. As to the number of employees allowed compensation by WRA under the community government are limited to five: three in the Judicial Commission and two in the Community Council, namely, an executive secretary or a secretary and a clerk. Court clerk, prosecutor, and public defence attorney may be put on the pay roll. Discussion on the court conduct followed. Mr. Anderson declared that the court shall be conducted in English.

Mr. Yonemura pointed out the necessity of an official interpreter with pay. Mr. Anderson assured that he will provide one.

Opinion of Mr. Anderson relative to the selection of court system was asked.

Mr. Anderson preferred panel jury system, composed of 4 jurors with a presiding judge having a vote on decision of each trial.

Mr. Matsui favored panel system because in this system, until the case is open persons connected with the case cannot approach jurors to influence the final decisions as



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Jury duty is in rotation, hence, no same juror can serve on two different and successive cases.

Miss Payne, Messrs. Lechlitter, Matsui, and Doi left the conference.

Mr. Anderson requested the ~~list~~ of blocks which do not have block manager. Both issei and nisei are qualified. *76 have names submitted*

As to the question of respective functions of councilmen and block manager, Mr. Anderson suggested to have a committee chosen from both groups and meet with Mr. Todd and Mr. Anderson for clarification of duties and function.

Mr. Anderson left the conference.

Food Committee entered and each member was introduced by Mr. Chairman. Mr. Okazaki briefly gave a report on the history of the Food Committee. Mr. Suzuki, member of the committee, revealed that most part of food shipped via railroad is spoiled when received at Heart Mountain. Mr. Main, Project Procurement Officer, had cancelled further order for fresh fish and cantaloupe as the result of such conditions as stated; and in place of cancellations frozen herring and Canadian lake carp were ordered. He went on enumerating prices for project products that have been harvested and charged against food allocation fund. For reference, he illustrated as follows: nappa at 6¢-8¢, pea @7¢, string beans @6¢, radish @6¢, Cux @15¢ sometimes @ \$1.74 per lug, china pea @12¢, all items at pound basis. These prices are based on Denver daily price quotations are considered unfairly charged against evacuees in comparison with labor remunerations of \$12, \$16, and \$19 per month, Suzuki charged. Mr. Suzuki asked the Council's opinion on uniform dinner as a farewell party of segregates on the same day throughout center mess halls. The council designated September 4 for the day for such a feast.

Mr. Suzuki requested Councilmen to clarify the status of the food committee in reference to charges that food degradation has been brought about by the incompetency and to inefficiency of the committee. Menus are prepared three days prior to servings on the inventory in the warehouse and on anticipated shipment of requisitioned food. Balanced diet is prepared to the best possibility out of what foodstuff we get by a dietician of the Food Committee.

The purpose of the Food Committee's attendance was to request the Council to push the matter of requisitioning fresh fish and vegetables by pointing out faulty provisions in transportation with proper authorities. Mr. Sashihara assured him that matter will be referred to the Council Food Committee.

Janitors group requested the Council's assistance in maintaining six persons, two of whom are women in each unit. Mr. Fujii informed that reduction of janitors of laundry buildings from eight to five will go into effect next Monday. The Council agreed to refer the matter to the Manpower Commission. Mr. Matsushige, member of Commission, denied consultation or conference on the question of manpower reduction in the janitors group.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Special meeting was scheduled at 9 a.m. tomorrow.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: August 20, 1943  
Wednesday  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
11:05 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room

Roll call was taken and Mr. Masumaga was absent.  
Minutes of August 19 were read and approved with corrections.

Memoranda submitted to the Council were read. The Community Coordinating Council requested the Council to restrict children from swimming in the canal and lateral on the west side of the center as it is the source of our drinking water. The matter of mis-use of the emergency facilities of the hospital to be referred to block residents was requested by the Community Coordinating Council. People who are chronics and clinic cases should be taken care of in the clinic. Those cases coming under emergency include persons who are unconscious and bleeding, those who have experienced a blow on the eye or ear, and those who have temperatures and do not feel well. All other people are requested to keep clear of the doorway of the emergency room.

Following Administrative Instructions were received by the Council and were reviewed: (rev.)--Employment and Compensation; #45 (rev.)--Assistance to Evacuees Granted Indefinite Leave for the Purpose of Accepting Employment; and, #104--"Family Status Withholding Exemption" of evacuees on leave.

Mr. Yonemura moved that no limit should be made in the number of committeemen serving in any committee under the Council. Motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Chairman announced the result of the appointment of councilmen to respective committees. Particulars are attached hereto.

In consideration of possible over-congestion of housing facilities as the result of transfer of the Tule Lake Center residents, the Council assigned the Welfare Committee to contact the Project Housing section to prepare proper measures against such event.

The Labor Committee was assigned to the janitor problem.

Mr. Sashihara reported discrepancies in the center facilities in comparison with other centers: Mail service, transportation services, washing machine for every laundry, trees and lawns, etc. The Council secretary was instructed to communicate such centers as Topaz, Minidoka, and Granada which are said to have such facilities available in order to verify these facts as presented by Mr. Sashihara.

Opinions in pros and cons were expressed by the Council members on the proposed judicial systems. Vote was taken and the panel system received nine counts against seven for the Judicial Commission system. Motion was made and passed that the Legal Committee refer to the Council its recommendation of proposal for either systems after due study and thorough discussion.

Manipulation of figures on issuance of workmen's compensation was charged by Mr. Matsushige. In the present procedure, income under this compensation is computed at \$2.00, \$4.66, \$6.66 for wage classifications of \$12, \$16, and \$19, respectively. The Welfare Committee was recommended to study the provision. It was reported that block managers committee has been compiling cases with respect to this compensation and the committee was advised to contact block managers for further information.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Next Council meeting was scheduled at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 24 at the Conference Room.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: August 24, 1943  
 Tuesday  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 11:50 a.m.  
 PLACE: Conference Room

Mr. Kimoto was the only absentee.

Minutes of August 20 were read and approved with one correction.

A letter of appreciation by the Heart Mountain Unit of Red Cross for assistance given by the Chairmen's Council was read.

For our reference, the Rohwer Community Council forwarded a copy of resolution adopted recently on the hospital personnel situation. In face of relocation of evacuee physicians and surgeons, said resolution pressed for an adequate number of appointed personnel to an extent that it will not be necessary to command the services of evacuee doctors.

REPORTS:

- a. Food Problem: By Mr. Kumai of the Council Food Committee  
 Replies by Mr. Main, Project Procurement Officer, to some of the problems concerning food procurement and distribution as given to Mr. Kumai were as follows:
  1. Prevention of duplication of food requisitions by the Army Quartermaster and the project produce:  
 It is difficult to foresee conditions of foodstuffs and amounts thereof as requisitions must be submitted six weeks ahead.
  2. Fresh fish orders: By means of truck transportation  
 The Army will not permit shipment by truck because of no return load.
  3. Price quotation on project farm products:  
 Such prices charged against mess halls are set up tentatively as the Agricultural Department is unable to compute farm production cost as yet. Adjustments will be made later in accordance with production costs.

Mr. Sashihara reported that spoiled goods shipped by FOB Heart Mountain will be credited but in the case of fresh fish shipment from the Pacific Coast, there will be no credit for the amount of spoilage when prices are quoted as FOB Pacific Coast. Mr. Oki informed with respect to 31¢ cash outlay for food allocation that it had been agreed between the Council Food Committee and Mr. Main to submit respective interpretations on the flexibility of this amount for final verification by Mr. Myer. Mr. Motoyoshi conveyed opinion and resolution passed at the block meeting by Block 17 mess committee. He said that the mess committee advocates steward system and said committee contends dissolution of the Project Food Committee. Mr. Tsunokai collaborated with Mr. Motoyoshi to similar action taken by Block 20 mess committee. The Council assigned the Council Food Committee to arrange a meeting of the Project Food Committee and Block 17 and Block 20 mess committees. Mr. Oki further informed that the Project Food Committee agreed to add on the morning menu whatever left over from the previous evening and that Mr. Main assured such conditions as shortage of foodstuffs will never occur again.

The Council Food Committee will see Mr. Robertson on incoordination between the Project Food Committee and the Agricultural Department at the suggestion of Mr. Yonemura.
- b. Janitor Problem: By Mr. Nakashima  
 The Manpower Commission will render final decision next Monday on the number of janitors in each block. It was tentatively compromised at 6 persons per block.
- c. Transportation problem of segregants:  
 The Council secretary conveyed Mr. Anderson's request that councilmen from blocks 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, 23, and 30 meet with him tomorrow at 9 AM at his office to discuss problems of handling transportation.



- d. **Workmen's Compensation:** By Mr. Matsushige  
Mr. Matsushige reported that the Welfare section will issue public assistance grants in addition to workmen's compensation for the injured. As for death compensation, Mr. Yonemura informed that a WRA ruling provides that the widow receives 35% of the deceased's monthly compensation at the time of his death for her life or until such time she remarries and each child receives 10% of such compensation until he becomes 18.  
At Mr. Nakashima's suggestion, the Council requested that the Welfare Committee to check on the basis of calculation for figures for living quarters and subsistence.
- e. **Report by Legal Committee on establishment of Judicial System:**  
Mr. Yonemura reported that the Legal committee had chosen panel system for recommendation. Mr. Okamoto's motion to adopt panel system was passed. Details of rules and regulations are to be worked out by the Legal Committee to be submitted for Council's approval.

**Discussion:**

- a. **Moving of Store #3 to central location:**  
Mr. Sashihara reported that the Trustees of the Community Enterprises took up this matter with the Space Committee of Recreation Department and Mr. Kurtz.
- b. **Rusty water:**  
The Health and Sanitation Committee was referred for further study on the matter.
- c. **Rebate on cash register receipts, clothing allowances, wages for departees:**  
Mr. Sashihara informed that anyone leaving the project, upon filing application at the office of the Community Enterprises for rebate on cash register receipts, will be forwarded cash to the new residence. Clothing allowances will be paid to date at the time of departure. Mr. Masunaga announced that block managers will take care of these things for segregants; details will be publicized on a supplementary bulletin.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM. Next Council meeting was set for Thursday at 9:00 a.m.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: August 26, 1943  
Thursday  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room

Absentees: Messrs. H. rikoshi and Ritchie  
Tardies: Messrs. Iwasaki, Yonemura, Masunaga, and Tsunokai

Minutes of August 24 were read and approved with one correction.

REPORTS:

Mr. Nakaki informed the change of date of the Manpower Conference from Monday as reported in Augst 24 minutes to Tuesday.

Secretary reported that "Manual of Evacuee Transfer Operation" from Washington is here.

Actions taken:

Mr. Nagumo's proposal for continuation of cultural lectures at block meetings was voted upon and was passed by the Council. The Council secretary to draft a memo to be submitted to Mr. Anderson.

The Legal Committee was assigned to look into the matter of property losses in transportation from the coast to the project. Each councilman to prepare date of items lost by evacuees in respective block.

Center beautification was pushed by Mr. Kumai. The graveled sidewalks must be constructed now that planks have been removed. The Council secretary to submit request.

Dental problem was thoroughly criticized by council members. It was finally decided that the Health and Sanitation Committee discuss the problem with Mr. Robertson, Dr. Irwin, and evacuee dentists.

Mr. Chairman informed Mr. Anderson's request to select a committee from the Council to discuss respective functions of the Council and Block Managers. Following persons were appointed: Messrs. Sashihara, Nagumo, and Nakashima. The meeting was set at 3:30 p.m., Friday, August 27 at the Council's office.

Mr. Okamoto pushed that the scale at the warehouse must be tested and if found incorrect, rectification must be made to adjust differences in weight in past food purchases, especially the alleged weight shortage in fish purchase from the Granada Fish Co. The matter was referred to the Council Food Committee.

Mr. Motoyoshi conveyed requests of Block 17 residents for the Council investigations on the following:

1. Abnormal child and treatment of maternity section
2. Distribtuion of rotten vegetables to mess halls
3. Shoyu constituents

Mr. Okazaki explained the first request that abnormal childbirth does not result from malnutrition of the woman in her confinement and the hospital does not restrict rationing points to its patients, according to Mrs. Ozawa, evacuee dietician. However, the matter was referred to the Health and Sanitation Committee for further investigation on the percentage of abnormal children. On request #2, Mr. Okazaki revealed that decaying of vegetables results from accumulation of daily harvests which are not consumed immediately due to the fact that daily portion of a certain product does not amount to sufficient quantity for uniform and ample distribution. Mr. Iwasaki informed that the Project Agricultural Committee wants one of its members to serve on the Project Food Committee to bring about a desirable coordination between the two groups.



On #3, Mr. Okazaki informed that Mr. Robertson had obtained data from Dr. Irwin on the constituents of shoyu and ~~sodium benzoate~~ that he had certified there was no dangerous amount of preservative contained. Both requests 2 and 3 were referred to the Council Food Committee for further study as to where present shoyu comes from, who manufactured it, and its price and the date of its analysis.

Mr. Tsunokai's proposal that in-between meals be served to children up to 12 years of age was mandated to the charge of the Food Committee.

Mr. Oki proposed that in consideration of the fact that too many assignments have been given the Food Committee two more committeemen be added to it. Proposal passed, the Council appointed Messrs. Motoyoshi and Yonemura.

A discussion took place on the moving of Store #3 to a more centralized location. Vote was taken and as the result the canteen stays where it is now. Mr. Yokoi's proposal was submitted to Mr. Sashihara for reference to the Community Enterprise trustees.

As the result of segregation, overpopulation may occur in this center. Arbitrary measures of equitable distribution of Tule Lake residents must be worked out. The Council assigned Mr. Masunaga to draft recommendation to Mr. Robertson of a favorable distribution to this center of Tule Lake residents so that the center population remains status quo.

In conclusion of today's meeting, Mr. Chairman requested that all proposals be submitted to him before the meeting starts in writing, and strict observation of punctuality of attendance was contended.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM. Next meeting was scheduled at 9 AM, Tuesday, August 31.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: August 31, 1943  
 Tuesday  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
 11:50 a.m.  
 PLACE: Conference Room

NO absentee today.

Messrs. Horikoshi, Motoyoshi, Okamoto, Oki, and Ritchie were tardy.

Attended: Mr. M. Kurtz.

Minutes of August 26 were read and approved with a correction.

REPORTS:

a. Councilmen's work assignment:

Councilmen who were formerly block chairmen have been reinstated to former assignments for additional extended period of 4 or 5 days since their termination as of August 11 in order to qualify for August clothing allowances.

b. Clarification of functions between councilmen and block managers:

Mr. Sashihara reported that Mr. Todd will come to explain duties of a block manager so at present it is needless to go into further discussion since relation between the two groups are amicably maintained.

c. Dental Problem:

The Health and Sanitation Committee reported that another meeting will be scheduled in the near future with evacuee dentists, Dr. Irwin, and Mr. Robertson on dental problems. No conclusive decision was rendered at the last meeting.

d. Food Problem:

Mr. Okazaki reported that Mr. Main requested a list of shoyu vendors be submitted to him and he will recommend same to the Quartermaster. Mr. Yonemura suggested that specifications of shoyu be prepared by analysis and reject any orders which does not meet with such specifications by comparison of prepared analytic data.

Mr. Sashihara revealed the reason for difficulty to fill our fish order. He stated that the amount ordered by Heart Mountain exceeds that of Granada by the extend that it is much more inconvenient to ship to Heart Mountain and more difficult to fill Heart Mountain order.

Following reports the Council discussed on procedure of the meeting. In order to avoid lengthy discussions and to restrict matters which do not necessarily warrant the Council's discussion, it was agreed that all written proposals must be submitted to the secretary who will refer them to proper committees for action. Such matter which is not solved by the committee will be brought to the Council's discussion.

Mr. Kurtz, Head of the Recreation Department, brought a matter of proposed plan of arranging recreation halls for various activities. According to this plan, each block is to have one 24 hour activity, one block and sub-post office, one empty recreation space for other activities. Details of spacing are listed on the separate page.

The Council passed to endorse the general plan with details to be worked out by the Space Committee.

A suggestion was made by the Board of Trustees of the Community Enterprises on the Selection of trustees. The proposal calls for eleven-men-trustees, five of whom shall be managers and key men with the enterprises and six from the community at large. Two men shall be elected from a block who will elect six trustees from community at large.

The Council took a vote on the proposal which was passed by a vote of 15:1.



Next the tenure of office was discussed. It was decided that the term of office for trustees representing community at large shall be 6 months. The position of managers as trustees shall remain permanently. Details of functions are to be worked out by the Community Enterprises Committee.

The Council approved the sale of fresh fish by the Community Enterprises at the laundry rooms in Blocks 6 and 21 twice a week, alternately.

Agenda for next Council meeting will be restriction against private enterprises within the center. Next meeting was set for Thursday, Sept. 2, at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



# COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 2, 1943  
Thursday  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room

Attended: Mr. Kagiwada of Commissary and Miss Payne of Social Welfare.  
Roll call was taken and Messrs. Yonesura and Morikoshi were absent.  
Messrs. Nakaki, Motoyoshi, and Osumoto were tardy.

Minutes of August 31 were approved with corrections.

## REPORTS:

- a. Mr. Sashihara reported that an acute manpower shortage has resulted from transfer of swamper crew from the Motor Pool to the Supply office. As most of the crew were of high school ages and what with compensatory hours to sufficiently credit them for an extension of ten to fifteen days after termination, they have refused to return to work as their school semester starts within two weeks. Those who have quitted include 6 sergeants and 25 high school students. At present, there are only 4 regular swamper. Mr. Sashihara contended a change of function in the warehouse sections. Mr. Umemoto charged that manpower commission should have been notified of such transfer of a crew from one section to another ahead of time so as to give ample opportunity for proper measures to be considered. Mr. Kagiwada of the warehouse commissary informed of impending resignation of the warehouse 17 crew on the ground that such a condition as swamper shortage has caused double work on this crew. The Council decided that the Labor Committee, Mr. Sashihara, and Mr. Masunaga meet with evanee foremen of the warehouse sections this afternoon to investigate the situation.
- b. Rebate on cash register receipts will be made by the end of this month or the beginning of next month, reported Mr. Sashihara.
- c. Mr. Tsuchiya of Block 21 is reported to handle the sale of fresh fish under the Community Enterprises.
- d. Mr. Nagumo reported that Mr. Masaru Motoyoshi has been duly elected with a total vote of 123 from Block 17.

As today's agenda, restriction against private enterprises within the center was discussed. No definite line of demarkation was made on the category of activities private enterprises. A letter from Clarence Hishizu addressed to the Council was read by Mr. Sashihara. Mr. Hishizu declared that free competition of private enterprises would benefit residents. If this cannot be approved, he requested that a tacit consent be given him. The Council discussed the matter and finally arrived at a conclusion that a resolution be passed and adopted by this body to be recommended to the Project Director that restriction against private enterprises be enforced to residents. Suggestion was put to motion and passed with a vote of 14:1. It was decided that a copy of said resolution be forwarded to Mr. Hishizu as our answer to his inquiry.

Lack of means of transportation and accommodations for the benefit of visitors was brought to the Council's attention. The matter was referred to the Welfare Committee.

A proposal was submitted to the Council by the C.A. Board of Trustees of funds for the youth organizations. It pointed out that operation expenses per month for the youth activities require \$477.00 average for the last 5 months. Mr. Sashihara informed the opinion of the Board of Trustees that if the general public favors the use of funds available in the Community Enterprises, it is OK with it. The Council passed to refer to a vote of center residents the matter of availing fund in the Community Enterprises for the expenditures of the youth organizations at \$1200 a year.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 7, 1943  
Tuesday  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
11:50 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room

No absence today. Messrs. Yonemura, Masunaga, Tanokai, Okamoto, and Ritchie were tardy.

Minutes of September 2 were read and approved with a correction.

The secretary read a letter from the Central Utah Community Council addressed to this body in reference to our inquiry on verification of rumors pertaining to conditions existent in that center. The letter stated:

- a. Electric washing machine:  
Two hand operated wringers have been requisitioned for each block but due to shortage in number available, the Block Managers have not taken them yet.
- b. Carrier Services:  
A truck delivers magazines, newspapers, parcel posts, etc. to the Block Managers office. Hopaz does not have sub-post offices. First class mails are delivered by a mail man once a day. Block Managers deliver other mails on a voluntary basis. Telegrams are delivered to individuals.
- c. Transportation Service:  
Bus service is rendered to and from the Delta station. Carrier service is provided for visitors from the inner main gate to the friends' residences. No private car is allowed on the area.
- d. Watch towers and guards:  
Guards are on duty from 7 PM to 7 AM. Flood lights are kept lighted during these hours.

REPORTS:

1. Welfare Committee:

- a. Workmen's compensation: By Mr. Matsushige  
Miss Payne advised that the Council pass a resolution on revision of Washington regulations on workmen's compensation with respect to its rates which are considered too low and the figures of living quarters which are estimated too high. At present, in order to subsidize small compensation the Social Welfare section issues public assistance grants. The Council assigned the Legal Committee to draft a resolution to above effect.
- b. Visitors' living quarters and transportation service:  
Miss Payne submitted a proposal to the Staff meeting on establishment of carrier service for visitors from the main gate to the friends' residences. Mr. Oka suggested to provide one unit in Block 2<sup>d</sup> for visitors who have no relatives or friends here. The Executive Secretary was instructed to submit a resolution to the project director on the matter.
- c. Indigents:  
According to Miss Payne's interpretation, the word "indigent" is defined as no funds living with it. She stated that indigents include persons under public assistance grants is open at disposal for inspection.

2. Food Committee:

- a. In-between meals for children up to 12 years of age is under consideration.
- b. Shoyu:  
Mr. Yonemura reported that according to Mr. Main, the order for shoyu must be submitted today. The Council voted and passed on purchase of brewed shoyu which is not blended nor an imitation.

3. Result of a vote on the use of the Community Enterprises funds for youth organizations:



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Miss Payne informed that personal messages will be delivered to Japan on the Gripsholm. Messages will be accepted from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., tomorrow, at the high school study hall. Details will be announced in a special bulletin.

A matter of issuance of June clothing allowances was referred to the Welfare Committee. It was reported that the distribution of June clothing allowances has been held up.

Mr. Nakaki submitted to the Council Food Committee a memorandum by Block 29 on food situation.

Mr. Uemoto informed that the Judicial commissioners have been terminated as of August 31, and requested that former commissioners be retained until a new system or new commissioners are appointed. The Council assigned its Executive Secretary to submit a memo on this question to Mr. Anderson.

The Welfare Committee was requested to prepare a list of indigents to be submitted to the Japanese Government through the Spanish Embassy.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 1943 at 9:00 a.m.



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Since there were only 7 blocks with the result of a vote on this matter, the rest having been undecided, the Council postponed rendering decision on it until next week, thus giving opportunity for other blocks to elect.

#### b. Labor Committee

Mr. Nakashima reported on the meeting of the Labor Committee with Messrs. Lewis of the Supply office and Saunders of the Commissary section on September 2. Present manpower shortage is the cause of all evils. 30 men are needed in the unloading crew, 20 for coal crew, and 10 more swimmers. It was concluded that the employment division is not functioning properly. On September 3, the committee met with Messrs. Carroll of the Employment and Ryan of the Finance. When asked what measures are in store in the event that all labor must be recruited from women, children and aged as the result of relocation of eligible persons, Mr. Carroll replied that he does not know: it is up to Mr. Myer.

Mr. Sachiham suggested that a labor censor be taken monthly through block committees. Motion was put to a vote and passed. Eligible persons are to report directly to Mr. Lewis for warehouse employment. Also a proposal to pay volunteer workers as part time employees was passed. Said proposal included those persons who work on a voluntary basis during their working hours by getting time-off for hours should be paid as part-time employees instead of being credited with compensatory hours. The Labor Committee was referred to take care of the resolution.

#### DISCUSSION:

Mr. Nagano was advised to push the matter of supervising weekly lectures to be conducted in each block by request with Mr. Anderson.

Building wind breakers in all barrack entrances was decided to be pushed.

Reconsideration motion on setting up trustees of the Community Enterprises was made by Block 5 residents. Mr. Okazaki seconded and the motion was put to a vote. The motion called for reconsideration of the number of representatives in the trustees from the community at large. On a basis of interpretation by Block 5 residents it is deemed ultra vires on the part of the Council to determine the number of trustees: that the number of trustees must be decided by representatives from all the blocks. The vote was a draw; hence, the Council determined that reconsideration as moved will have another chance after detail functions and set-up of the trustees have been drafted by the Council Community Enterprises Committee and which have been referred to the Council for adoption.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM. Next meeting was set for Thursday morning, September 9, 1943 at 9:00 AM sharp.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Sept. 9, 1943-Thurs.  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.-11:40 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room

Attended: Mr. Ryo Fujii of the Relocation Guidance Committee.

Absentees: Messrs. Horikoshi, Umesato, and Ritchie. Mr. Yonemura was tardy. Minutes of September 7 were read and approved with a correction.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Contents of radio broadcast on remarks of Representative Herman P. Stenbarger were referred to councilmen who were interested.

Mr. Anderson's memo on Nurse's aides was reviewed.

A list of entrainment for segregation was submitted to the Council for reference.

A matter of representative from Heart Mountain to the Draft Advisory Board of Park County was referred to the Council by Mr. Anderson.

DISCUSSION:

Posting welcome signs at proper places was proposed and passed for recommendation to the Administration.

It was pointed out that special deliveries are delayed, thus, causing unexpected set-backs in business transactions. The Executive Committee to negotiate with Mr. Anderson.

Complaints have been raised by residents charging 3¢ by Community Enterprises in cashing Government checks. Mr. Sashihara clarified that every check that goes through the Cody bank clearance is charged 3¢ and that it is impossible to carry \$5,000 in each store in order to accommodate residents, hence, cashing checks is limited to those who purchase merchandise over one dollar.

Mr. Ritchie proposed to supply fresh tuna for sashimi to every mess hall. Since the Community Enterprises can handle a small quantity of fresh fish, the Procurement office should be able to purchase fresh fish in a small quantity at a time, thus, supplying all mess halls by rotation. Mr. Yonemura informed that Mr. Main, Head Procurement Officer, has sent wire to the Denver Quartermaster authorizing it a the purchase of tuna without restriction to the price.

Coal problems was discussed. It was decided that the Executive Committee and the Labor Committee contact Mr. Robertson to negotiate the supply of 5 car loads of coal per day until the center has accumulated stock piles to last for 3 weeks. Mr. Masunaga reported that the Block Managers have taken up on construction of coal bunkers in every block. Mess hall bunkers are condemned by the Fire Dept. One bunker would be built between the laundry building and mess hall and another at the end of latrine wing for each end of a block. Mr. Miyasaki, Block 27 Manager, informed the Council that wage classification of \$19 per month is applicable to the coal crew according to Mr. Larsen of the Finance division.

The Council secretary was assigned to communicate the Menzies Community Council to verify the issuance of clothing allowances which are said to be supplied to workers in a form of various types of work clothing over and above what are given out to workers at this center.

The Welfare Committee was instructed to have Mr. Burnett, Evacuee Property Officer, to announce that property which were sent here without request will be guaranteed to be shipped gratis to the point of relocation.



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A proposal by Mr. Nakashima to post a sign, "EAT SLOWLY FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR HEALTH", passed the Council for recommendation to Mr. Anderson. The Council also passed that Dr. Irwin, Chief Medical Officer, be requested to announce it on the bulletin from the standpoint of health.

The Agricultural Committee was referred to look into the matter of sales of project farm products to private parties on the outside.

The Legal Committee submitted to the Council tentative recommendations on the set-up of the judicial system. The Council made a few alterations and passed that a formal set-up will be drafted by the Legal Committee and the Project Attorney that a formal final adoption by the Council. Then a motion was made to appoint a permanent judge. Having passed the motion, the Council appointed Mr. Kiyochi Ito unanimously.

Mr. Ryōichi Fujii requested the councilmen's assistance in introducing to residents plans on relocation by announcing at mass halls and block meetings that there will be a moving picture showing at 2:00 PM., September 19, at the high school study hall. The picture is "This is America".

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. Next meeting was set for Saturday, Sept. 11, at 9:00 a.m.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Conference Room  
Special Meeting

DATE: Sept. 11, 1943  
Saturday  
TIME: 9:00 AM-11:34 AM

Attended Messrs. Anderson, Kurtz, Yosh Kodama on Third War Loan Bond Drive.

Roll call was taken and Mr. Ritchie was the sole absentee. Messrs. Yonemura, Masunaga, Okazaki, Horikoshi, and Okamoto were tardy. Minutes of September 9 were read and approved.

Following communications were received and reviewed by the Council: Termination of Judicial Commission by Mr. Anderson; Instructions pertaining to labor and population census by Mr. Carroll; and a copy of letter to Mr. Robertson from Mr. Ryan on coal.

REPORTS:

Agricultural Committee reported that farm produce had been sold to evacuee workers from Heart Mountain at the Powell camp and that Mr. Robertson will clean up on disposal of proceeds thereof. Prices were in accordance with the various Federal-State market reports.

Welfare Committee reported:

1. Evacuee property:  
Mr. Burnett, Evacuee Property Officer, agreed to announce in the bulletin that such property without formal request of its owner which has been sent to the project shall be shipped at the Government expenses to the point of relocation.
2. Indigents:  
Following are classified as indigents according to the Social Welfare: 6/30/43

Old age unable to work	.....	198	families
Illness, " " "	.....	118	"
Internee families	.....	15	"
Others (divorces, separated, minors, etc.)	.....	26	
Total number of families		357	
Total number of persons		503	
3. Transportation and living quarters for visitors:  
According to Mr. Robertson, reported Mr. Sashihara, transportation is provided by the Police Department. Visitors' quarters at present are not necessary since in the past contacts have been made by visitors with their friends in this center prior to their admittance and immediately after their entrance they were taken to their friends' residences.

With respect to restriction of private enterprises in the center, Mr. Robertson has made arrangement with Messrs. Anderson and Campbell to discuss the matter with the Council next Tuesday.

Program has been planned on mail carrier service which will be set up in the block offices. A government regulation rules that special delivery service shall not be provided to WRA centers. First class mail will be delivered by a mail man as soon as post office sub-station is set up in each block.

Mr. Sashihara reported on conference with Mr. Robertson. The Project Director admitted the Administration's fault on delay in coal delivery to Heart Mountain. Mr. Robertson agreed on reserving coal in stock piles in the center blocks. According to information from Mr. Ryan, Acting Assistant Project Director, to Mr. Robertson, schedule of coal supply is as follows:



9/10 Friday	3 and possibly 6 carloads	9/15 Wednesday	3 carloads
13 Monday	6 carloads	16 Thursday	3 carloads
14 Tuesday	5 carloads	20--23	3 carloads daily

Following the report on coal the Council continued discussion on the situation. It was depicted that the Manpower Commission should exercise its authority on existing problem. Suggestions have been recommended on reorganization and function of the Manpower Commission to the project director, but no replies or decisions have been made as the Administrative staff were in session now on this problem. Pending such decisions, the Council agreed to meet informally on Monday.

Then a remuneration fund to be raised for evacuee physicians and surgeons was deliberated. Mr. Yonemura was opposed to the suggestion on the ground that WRA is required to furnish ample medical staff and it is not considered a favorable practice to spend evacuees' money for any provisions that WRA is responsible financially and materially. A fact that in Mr. Myer's conversations with the Council during his visit to this center, he had pointed out the fortune of this center in securing four doctors compared to one to 3,000 in outside communities was a sign depressing enough on difficulty in securing doctors from outside once we lose staff member which is quite possible due to extreme strain for a \$19 wage rate. The Council passed to draft a resolution on establishment of civil service rating to evacuee physicians and surgeons.

In conclusion of today's session, mischievous behaviors of children was brought to the Council's discussion. This matter was to be referred to the Social Welfare, by the committee of prevention of juvenile delinquencies by Welfare Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM. Next Council meeting: Tuesday at 9 AM, 9/14.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: September 14, 1943  
 Tuesday  
 TIME: 9:30-11:45 a.m.  
 PLACE: Conference Room

Attended: Mr. Masao Satow, member of YMCA National Council.

Mr. Horikoshi was absent. Messrs. Nagano and Nakaki were tardy. Minutes of September 11 were read and approved.

Following communications were received by the Council:

Welcome signs for new residents by Mr. Anderson; analysis data of "Kamara" shoya by Mr. Yonemura; and notice of resignation from Mr. Unamoto.

A call of approval on a proposal of work draft was announced by councilmen. Opposition to the proposal came from Blocks 8 and 22. The proposal calls for volunteer workers from any work division who are drafted on a basis whereby they shall be excused from work in their own division to remedy the situation of manpower shortage in any division where emergency cases arise to require additional workers. Mr. Okamoto proposed that the Council body make periodical visits to the various block for acquaintance and moulding of public opinion. At Mr. Ritchie's motion, the Council passed to the residents of Block 22 to discuss this and other inter problems. Date of this meeting was set for this Wednesday evening at 7:30 at Block 22-30.

Requisition of a coal bin and a coal loading machine which was reported to have been installed at Granada Relocation Center, Colorado, was referred to Block Managers through Mr. Masunaga. Mr. Nakashima to supply the Granada Pioneer for information.

Due to a vacancy created by Mr. Miyasato's relocation in the Manpower Commission, it has become necessary that someone must be appointed. Since the Commission was founded by the joint effort of the Temporary Block Chairmen and Block Managers, the appointment of personnel in the Commission should also be referred to Block Managers. It was agreed by the Council that a block manager should participate in this organization, and the matter was referred to Block Managers through Mr. Masunaga. Then the absolute necessity for full-time service was advocated by Mr. Okazaki who moved that a resolution be passed to be submitted to the Project Director on issuance of work assignment as full-time employees for a number of commissioners. The motion was passed by the Council unanimously.

Among 98 persons that were not permitted on the Gripsholm, 48 from relocation centers were transferred to the Rohwer Relocation Center, later to be segregated to the Tule Lake Center. It was reported that 180 pieces of baggages had been left on the Gripsholm. The Council passed to draft a resolution to be submitted to the Spanish Embassy and the State Department requesting that by a trans-oceanic cable to the Gripsholm such baggages left on board the Gripsholm by 48 evacuees be transported back to U.S. and be shipped to the Tule Lake Center, and that financial assistance be given them until such time as their baggage arrive at Tule Lake.

Following Mr. Unamoto's resignation as councilman, the Council appointed Messrs. T. Nakai and Nakashima as election committee of Block 21 councilman. Election date was set for September 26.



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Other matters referred to the Council were:

Report on Block 12 resolution on space problem; report on resolution passed by Block 22 on trustee set-up; establishment of \$100 or less wage rating for appointed personnel from evacuees in posts such as doctors, registered nurses, and editor-in-chief of the Sentinel by Mr. Kumi; and, work clothing for coal crew which was passed by the Council.

Mr. Sakihara introduced a visitor to the Council meeting, Mr. Masao Satow, of the National Council of IMCA, and former chairman of the temporary community council of Granada Relocation Center.

Mr. Satow commented that the Heart Mountain Council is really a council body in comparison with other centers where Block Managers organization is the stronger body. He disclosed that center problems are mutual and same in all centers. Denouncing rumor on fresh fish supply to mess halls, Mr. Satow explained that fresh fish is obtained by individuals from the Granada Fish Company operated by a Tsuchiya, formerly of Los Angeles. Regarding local sentiment towards evacuees, the fact that 25 persons daily are allowed to shop at local stores explains the favorable reception by the Caucasian communities. As to food supplies, Gila project is the most blessed of all centers with fresh farm produce and Topaz center the poorest. Mr. Satow concluded that conditions in all centers are about the same but as the proverb says, there is nothing like home, and the people think their own center is the best of all.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. Next meeting: 9:00 AM, Thursday, 9/16.



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Sept. 16, 1943  
Thursday  
TIME: 9 AM--11:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room

Attendance: Mr. Lechlitter on Trust

Absentees: Messrs. Yokoi, Horikoshi, Block 21, and Ritchie.

Minutes of September 14 were read and approved with supplement.

Councilmen's work assignments were discussed at the suggestion of Mr. Nagumo.

Mr. Nagumo proposed to assign councilmen to the coordinating board thereby entitling them to wages. The Executive Committee to draft a resolution and negotiate with Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Lechlitter was invited to the Council meeting to give a clear picture on legal aspect of the trust organization. Following is the brief outline of his explanations:

Trustee is very much comparable to an officer or a board of directors of a corporation which is actually owned by stockholders; in case of the community enterprise, patronizers of the community enterprises are the owners of the trust, which owners are holders of patronage receipts. Promoters of a corporation is equivalent to trustees in community enterprises and the latter are not necessarily owners of the enterprises. WRA has a right only to the extent of maintaining relocation centers and has the right to collect rent and to audit books; otherwise, giving evacuees carte blanche. There are two ways by which the declaration of trust can be changed or modified, in both instances only the trustees have the right to do so: namely, to draft a new form of trust and submit it to the people of this center by a written memorandum; or, ~~the~~ to initiate action by themselves within the power of trustees. The present trust is set up until such time as cooperative was adopted. To that extent, the present trust can be argued as a temporary trust. A proposal for a new form of trust had been submitted to the Council which when set up will automatically invalidate the Declaration of Trust of the present trust. There is no legal argument in reservation of 5 store managers to be included in the new trustee organization. Original trustees were not appointed by anyone, but was at the request of the Administration they have formed a trust by signing the Declaration of Trust. Section 18 of the Heart Mountain charter provides that the community council cannot determine or regulate what kind of organization is set up, but the Council can adopt a resolution on plans passed and submitted by the present trustees of the Community Enterprises. Employees of the community enterprises may serve on the Board of Trustees. A trustee cannot be ousted by the Board of Trustees or by a popular vote except by his resignation or relocation or by court procedures. Present Community Enterprises is a non-profit corporation and is exempt by Anti-Sherman Trust Act.

## REPORTS:

Mr. Masunaga reported that Block Managers have decided that they did not want to participate in the Manpower Commission. The Council concluded that filling a vacancy created by Mr. Miyasato's relocation can be waited till after segregation. The Council Labor Committee shall send an observer to the manpower conference. The Agricultural Committee reported that overtime problem is being adjusted now.

In an effort to promote favorable public relations, the Council decided to appoint Mr. Dave Yamakawa of the Community Activities whom the Council agreed to be the most competent person to direct the 3rd War Loan Bond campaign drive. (The Committee appointed Dick Fujioka as alternate as Dave Yamakawa was unable to render services due to his heavy program)

The Council secretary was assigned to draft a memo to be submitted to the Project Director on issuance of work clothing, shoes, shed, hot lunches to coal and warehouse crew.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM. Next meeting: 9 AM, Monday, 9/20/43.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Conference Room

Sept. 20, 1943  
Monday  
10:30--11:50 a.m.

Attendance: Mr. Kurtz on space proposition. Miss Payne on assignment and induction of new residents from Tule Lake and send-off of segregees.

Absent: Messrs. Masunaga, Yokoi, Kimoto, Morikoshi, Block 21, Okamoto, Ritchie, Nakaki, and Kumai.

Meeting went into session without having a quorum. Minutes of September 16 were read and approved.

Mr. Matsushige submitted a copy of listing of priority of project employments. He reported that Mr. Jiro Sakaguchi of the Employment office was named by the Manpower Commission as its Executive Secretary.

The Labor Committee reported amicable settlement of the warehouse situation.

Final changes on space propositions as approved by the Council were announced by Mr. Kurtz.

- Block 1-26 Judo and Weight move to B-12-26. Go-kai-jo remains at B-1-26
- 2-26 Poster shop and recreation move to B-20-25 N & S, respectively. Museum replaces above at B-2-26.
- 7-000 Converted to the "Dawn" Theatre
- 7-26S Catholic church moves to B-14-25S; replaced by Miscellaneous churches.
- 9-26 The "Dawn" Theatre moves to B-7-000; replaced by Bowling Alley.
- 12-26 Bowling Alley moves to B-9-26; replaced by Judo and Weights.
- 14-25S Recreation replaced by Catholic church.
- 30-25N Miscellaneous churches move to B-7-26-S; replaced by Poster shop.

Set-up in receiving the first contingent from Tule Lake and advices and directions in sending off the segregees were announced by Miss Payne. Mr. Sashihara was scheduled to speak to segregees for Heart Mountain Council. A few suggestions were submitted by an anonymous resident pertaining to employment for new residents. The Council reviewed them and filed.

Next meeting was set for Thursday at 9 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Conference Room

Sept. 23, 1943  
Thursday  
9:30-11:45 AM

Roll call was taken and Mr. Ritchie was absent. Messrs. Yokoi, Kimoto, Horikoshi, were tardy.

Minutes of September 20 were read.

Communication from the Topaz Center was reviewed. It requested information on manpower reduction in Heart Mountain and its extent. The Council secretary was assigned to reply said letter and also to refer the letter to the Manpower Commission for further information.

Following announcements were requested to be made to residents:

Red Cross First Aid class to be held at 7:45 PM, Thursday at high school, Rm. 19.

Relocation film to be shown at 7:30 PM, Thursday, at high school gymnasium.

At the request of Mr. Ryo Fujii, Relocation Committee, the Council granted film showings on Monday, October 11 at high school gymnasium.

REPORTS:

Induction of non-evacuee Japanese into relocation centers may be possible through proper applications at the discretion of the project director.

Tofu grinder machine arrived here a few days ago, according to report by Mr. Okazaki.

It was reported by Mr. Yonemura that high school registration for new residents from Tule Lake will be completed by Friday this week. Grade schools admit pupils immediately.

Discussion pertaining to new residents:

The Council agreed to have each councilman visit new residents from Tule Lake in his respective block for manpower induction.

Mr. Macunaga was instructed to submit a memo requesting supply of celotex and lumber for new residents.

The Council Food Committee was asked to request the Administration to give a center-wide welcome dinner for new residents. Date to be set by the Committee.

Other actions taken:

The Recreation Committee to contact Mr. Kurtz on restricting moving picture showing by the Seventh Day Adventists on Monday nights.

Matters referred to the Health and Sanitation Committee:

Extra supplies of foods to diet kitchens with more than 10 patients.

Regulation restricting in-between meal for children in the morning.

Wages for block mothers.

Police Department requested the Councilmen to refer the matter of keeping pets on the project to respective block residents, to which the Council agreed.

Mr. Sashihara to bring the matter of forbidding sales of Xmas Goods to the attention of the Community Enterprises buyer.

Mr. Sashihara introduced a former Block 12 Chairman, Mr. Frank Hirohata, to the Council. Mr. Hirohata made his residence at Salt Lake City, Utah. He expressed that the WRA relocation offices should endeavor more of their efforts on housing for evacuees rather than on job propositions.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 9 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

SEPTEMBER 28, 1943  
TUESDAY  
9:00 AM—11:00 AM

ABSENT: Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Sashihara (Mr. Yokota observer for Block 25)  
TARDY: Messrs. Okamoto, Oki, Nakashima, and Nakaki.

Meeting was called to order by acting chairman, Mr. Nagumo, in the absence of Mr. Sashihara who left for Chicago last Saturday.

Minutes of September 23 were read and approved with a rescission.

Following communication were reviewed:

Vic Ryan to Gdy Robertson on coal  
Reshipment of property now on project at government expense, from Harvey Burnett, Evacuee Property Officer.  
Clothing issuance by Manzanar Project Director, Ralph P. Merritt.  
Regarding licensing authority of the Council, by M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director  
Resignation by Casper Y. Horikoshi, Block 15 councilman.

REPORTS:

Block Managers were reported to handle celotex and lumber supplies to new residents. Mr. Anderson will check with the Washington office in setting up a coordinating board under the community council so as to assign jobless councilmen as members thereto.

Beautification of cemetery ground cannot be undertaken until next spring due to shortage of materials, reported by Mr. Nagumo.

Health and Sanitation Committee reported that extra food is supplied to such diet kitchens with more than six patients. According to Mrs. Gorell, Hospital Nurse, in-between meals are served to children in the mid-morning and in the mid-afternoon which seems to differ with the opinion of Mr. Haller, project steward, who contends mothers under the doctors' instructions and according to their prescriptions; hence, no patients are allowed to take food home to be cooked by themselves. Mr. Matsushige reported that block mothers class is held every Thursday afternoon from 2:00-3:00 PM at 27-27 mess hall. All complaints pertaining to diet kitchen are taken up at such class.

A formal resignation was submitted by Mr. Casper Horikoshi, Block 14 councilman. The Council accepted his resignation, and appointed Messrs. Okazaki and Oka as the Election Committee for the election of a new councilman to be held on October 12. Mr. Okamoto, Block 22 councilman, refused to serve on any committee under the Community Council, much less on the Election Committee for the election of Block 15 councilman. Mr. Okamoto contended that he represents Block 22 residents and their opinions, therefore, in such event as his opinion or that of his block residents should differ with that of the majority of the council members, he should maintain his stand regardless of the fellow members of the Council. It was debated by Mr. Yokoi that such a conduct as to refuse to perform duty bound to a councilman is an act of nonfeasance which constitutes a reason for removal from office of such a councilman under the ratified charter. The Legal Committee was referred to study legal interpretation of the charter for such a case.

Next meeting: Thursday morning, Sept. 30 at (9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

September 30, 1943  
Thursday  
9:40-12:00 PM

Attended: Messrs. John McGowen, Project Attorney, Mr. Kiyochi Doi, panel judge.  
Absent: Block 12  
Tardy: Messrs. Okamoto and Ritchie.

Minutes of September 28 were read and approved with amendment. Again, punctuality of attendance was stressed. Also number of meetings was argued. Mr. Saito insisted three meetings a week, and charged that should one's original work hinder the duty as a councilman, such person should tender resignation on the ground of inefficiency. Mr. Yonemura explained that original resolution was passed, effecting one regular meeting a week and special sessions may be called in emergency cases at the discretion of the chairman of the Council.

Mr. Kiyochi Doi introduced Mr. John McGowen, new project attorney, to the Council. Mr. McGowen expressed his desire to cooperate with the Council, give advice whenever requested, and learn the Japanese people in the course of his duty. Mr. McGowen stated that he shall serve within his branch of service and declared that he shall not step into other territories. Argument between Mr. Doi and Mr. Okamoto was dismissed by Mr. Chairman on the ground of not following agenda. With respect to selecting two potential jurors in his block, Mr. Okamoto requested postponement until such time as a thorough study has been made on the problem.

The Council secretary reported the result of the election of Mr. Zaichi Saito as councilman from Block 21. Total casting of vote was 54.

Mr. Oka reported on agricultural program where approximately 230 persons are required to complete harvesting of crops such as beans, potatoes, and corns and irrigation of land. He distributed a list of eligible persons from among new residents in each block, and requested each councilman to contact these persons on the list for employment.

Mr. Ritchie reported the proceeds of the carnival held last Saturday and Sunday. Total gross income \$3,959.71; total expenditures \$1,624.73; net profit \$2,334.98. Mr. Yonemura informed that the Project Director and the Project Attorney are setting center regulations to be submitted to the Council for approval. The Council discussed on restrictions pertaining to pets, and agreed to assign the Legal Committee to prepare ordinances for approval.

Power of the Council was discussed. It was agreed that ordinances must be passed on various matters. The Legal Committee was assigned to draft by-laws of the Council and Council sub-committees. Mr. Oki suggested to include in said by-laws of the Council that any intended misinterpretations of the Council's decision or resolution should be stopped and no adulterated personal opinion should be conveyed to influence residents other than intended for by the Council.

Inasmuch as most of the Council's time has been wasted in useless arguments, strict observation of order must be maintained at all time throughout the session. A suggestion was made by Rev. Yokoi to provide a sergeant-at-arms. A motion was made by Mr. Yonemura that Mr. Masunaga be appointed to sergeant-at-arms to exercise the power to call to order when it is not followed at the command of the chairman. The motion was amended to read that Mr. Masunaga and Mr. Yonemura to be appointed to sergeants-at arms. Motion was passed with one dissenting vote.

As Mr. Saito has not been appointed to any committee under the Council, motion was made to appoint him to the Legal Committee succeeding Mr. Umemoto and passed. He shall be assigned to another committee by the executive secretary. Mr. Masunaga has been appointed to be the Public Relations and Resettlement Committee.

Communication from Mr. Vic Ryan, Acting Assistant Project Attorney, was reviewed.



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Community Enterprises Committee to request the Project Attorney and Mr. K. Doi to attend the Council meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 AM.

Agenda for next meeting will be on Community Enterprises at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, October 5.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

October 5, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:30 AM--11:40 AM

ATTENDED: Mr. John McGowan, Project Attorney on Trust.  
ABSENT: Mr. Motoyoshi. Mr. Nakaki was represented by Mr. Okazaki.  
LADY: Messrs. Yonemura, Masumaga, Okazaki, and Oki.  
Minutes of September 30 were read and approved with a correction.

Communication from Japanese American Committee for Democracy was reviewed.  
Heart Mountain Red Cross Unit requested attendance of delegates from the following blocks: 14, 17, 22, 25, 27, and 30. Red Cross Unit Reporter was distributed to each councilman.

Mr. Shintaro Miyazaki was reported to have been nominated as a sole candidate for the office of councilman from Block 15. Messrs. Oka and Nakashima were appointed to the Election Committee for the election following resignation of Mr. Y. Okamoto as Block 22 councilman. Election date was set for October 19.

REPORTS:

Mr. Saito was appointed to the Community Enterprises Committee.  
The result of the election on the use of funds of the Community Enterprises for youth organizations under the Community Activities was 11:2 in favor of approval. Undecided are Blocks 8, 15, 17, 22, 23, and 27.

Mr. Nagano served as acting chairman during the discussion of the set-up of the trustees. Mr. Kinoto contended that the trustor is WRA as the present trust has been organized by WRA. Adoption of co-op was rejected by the people, therefore, the present temporary trustees should be dissolved and a new trustees should be elected, naming the people as beneficiary. Mr. McGowan revealed that the co-op is impossible and unfeasible in the state of Wyoming, except an agricultural co-op, as Wyoming laws are not broad enough. WRA talked out of turn when the residents of Heart Mountain were instructed to choose either a co-op or trust system. This was learned recently by Washington authorities. Now the problem lies in the set-up of the trust in this center. Mr. McGowan sent a teletype to Washington as follows: "Community Council anxious to reform Trust so that trustees can be elected by some democratic process. Is it possible?" Mr. McGowan declared there is no relation between the present trust and WRA other than WRA's advisory capacity. He stated the reason WRA favoring the Community Enterprises run by the people of Heart Mountain is money, as all proceeds go to the Federal Treasury and appropriation must be set up and approved by the Congress if the Community Enterprises are operated by the Government. Motion was made and passed to postpone any discussion pertaining to the set-up of the trust until reply from Washington has been received on McGowan's teletype inquiry. Mr. Saito submitted to the Chairman a resolution by the residents of Block 21. Questions were asked by Mr. Saito on refund of Community Enterprises funds, auditing of books, etc., but Mr. Saito was asked to bring such matters to the Community Enterprise Committee meetings. Mr. Sashihara informed that the Community Enterprise meetings are held every Wednesday morning from 9 AM to 10 AM.

Disposal of the Gordon Hirabayashi fund now in the custody of the Council was deliberated. Some of the councilmen expressed that the supporters of Gordon Hirabayashi and opposers to the evacuation issue are in favor of post-war issue on evacuation and confinement. The Council decided to inquire Mrs. Mary Farguherson of the American Friends Service Organization.

Mr. Okamoto moved that the Council submit a memo inquiring what measures are intended by the Administration with Block 22-25 chimney. Mr. Yonemura's motion was passed by the Council that all matters pertaining to physical needs of the block be referred to the Block Managers.



Mr. Oka proposed to recruit 3 persons per block as 6 men are needed in the coal crew. Money returned to residents from the Gordon Hirabayashi fund is intended for remuneration to the coal crew in his block, said Mr. Oka, to which Mr. Ritchie objected on the ground of unfavorable example and suggested to have the coal workers in each block explain the nature and intensity of the work at block meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. Special afternoon session will be held at 1:30 today.

AFTERNOON SESSION  
1:30 PM

Messrs. Nagamasa and Motoyoshi were absent. Messrs. Yonemura and Matsushige were tardy.

Attended: Mr. Jiro Sakaguchi, Executive Secretary of the Manpower Commission; Messrs. Suzuki and Tonooka of the Project Food Committee on food problem.

Mr. Sashihara explained to Mr. Sakaguchi on manpower shortage and inquired as to the extent of the work by the Manpower Commission. Mr. Sakaguchi stated that no responsive cooperation has been shown by the Administrative staff. Manpower conferences have been held but no figurative report on employment status in each division was made. Mr. Okazaki expressed desire for Manpower Commission to function smoothly and properly.

Requisition on the coal crew has been submitted by Mr. Lewis on October 4, asking for 30 more men, and already 7 have been assigned today. Mr. Matsushige advocated that the work of the Manpower Commission can be advanced if coordination between that the work of the Manpower Commission can be advanced if coordination between the Commission and the Block Managers group is maintained. Mr. Oka announced the number of persons from each block working on coal as follows:

Block 1 . . . . . 2	Block 9 . . . . . 0	Block 20 . . . . . 3	Block 25 . . . . . 0
2 . . . . . 1	12 . . . . . 3	21 . . . . . 2	27 . . . . . 4
6 . . . . . 1	14 . . . . . 2	22 . . . . . 1	28 . . . . . 0
7 . . . . . 0	15 . . . . . 3	23 . . . . . 1	29 . . . . . 0
8 . . . . . 0	17 . . . . . 4	24 . . . . . 1	30 . . . . . 1

Mr. Suzuki of the Project Food Committee requested the Council to push the matter of requisitioning 4 concrete pits, 6'x6'x6', to make 60-30 tons of "takuan" (Jap. pickle of white radish). Mr. Suzuki said that Mr. Robertson advised the infeasibility of the project due to manpower shortage. The Council Food Committee was assigned to push the matter.

Written suggestions were submitted to the Council for approval by the Joint Committees of the Food Committee, Warehouse storekeepers, and steward. They were reviewed and deliberated by the Council and were passed to be submitted to the Project Director for consideration. As to the establishment of Tsukemono and butcher departments, the Council advised the committee to separate the issue in submitting suggestion to the Project Director.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Next meeting: October 7, Thursday at 9:00 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

October 7, 1943  
Thursday  
9:30 AM--11:50 AM

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Robertson on coal crew; Mr. Carroll on manpower reduction.  
ABSENT: Messrs. Yonemura, Masunaga, Block 22 and Oki.  
TARDY: Messrs. Okazaki and Oka  
Minutes of October 5 were corrected and passed.

Mr. Robertson requested councilmen to recruit coal crew in each block. He explained that at present 8 carloads of coal are delivered per week but as soon as the cold spell hits this part of country, this amount will become inadequate to maintain heat in this center. But with the present crew it is impossible to handle additional coal without being incurred demurrage of \$5.50 per car per day after 48 hours. The Council gave assurance that in the event there is not enough men in the coal crew to unload the coal the councilmen will assist in unloading so as to prevent demurrage. Mr. Robertson agreed to request delivery of 18 cars of coal a week from next week, provided additional men will be recruited by the councilmen. Mr. Robertson informed that an unloading machine had been ordered as soon as he learned that the Granada Center received one. To Mr. Nakashima's question of what the WRA intends to do when all able-bodied persons go out of the center on relocation, Mr. Robertson replied that WRA will take care of those who are left in the center.

Mr. Kumai proposed Mr. Robertson to construct 4 concrete pits for pickling daikon. Mr. Robertson informed that Mr. Lawrence Keiss, Construction and Maintenance Sup't., is in charge of such project and that experts in such project be sent to him for detail measures.

Mr. Motoyoshi proposed to maintain status previous to October 1 for the number and wage classification of mess workers. The Council referred the matter to the Labor Committee and instructed the committee to obtain a schedule of wage adjustment and manpower reduction to 3,200 evacuee employees at the end of September 30, 1943. Mr. Carroll was invited to give information on the problem. He explained that a schedule showing job titles and rates of pay was set up in Washington. It was found upon receipt of job description that certain kinds of job and wage classification, (and this number has) thereof did not conform to said job description. Mr. Carroll said 3589 employees are required in this center, 14.9% receiving "C" wage classification, and this number has been requested for Washington's approval. A schedule showing job titles and rates of pay was handed to the Labor Committee.

Todd Committee reported that according to Mr. Ryan, Acting Assistant Project Director, it is impossible to procure chicken and ice cream for all residents on October 11 to be served at the welcome dinner in honor of new residents from Tule Lake, so tuna has been ordered to replace original order. But due to difficulty in filling order prior to October 11, the dinner is postponed until further notice.

Mr. Nagumo was unanimously elected to handle exchange of information and ideas with the other relocation centers.

Mr. Kumai proposed that 40 copies in English and Japanese briefly outlining the duties and function of the councilmen and block managers be printed to be posted in each mess hall. Motion seconded and passed. Secretary appointed to draft letter to Mr. Todd.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM. Next meeting: October 12, Tuesday, 9 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCING ROOM

Oct. 12, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:20 AM--11:50 AM.

Absent: Mr. Oki

Guests: Messrs. Yonekura, Yokoi and Ritchie

Minutes of October 7 were read and approved without correction.

REPORTS:

Blocks 15 and 17 approved on use of community enterprise fund for youth organizations, which makes 13 blocks in favor of contribution against 2.

Mr. Kumi, Food Committee, reported welcome dinner will be served on October 12.

Mr. Oka reported the number of coal crew to be 54. Blocks 5 and 29 have none while Blocks 6, 7, 9, 22, and 25 have one each on the coal crew as of today.

Mr. Sashihara informed that the construction of 5 wooden vats of 6'x8'x5' (1-w-d) for daikon pickling in the warehouse area has started. Necessary amount of salt and sugar have been procured for the purpose.

Mr. Okazaki presented the questionableness of the jurisdiction of the Council to permit the present court session this morning on unauthorized procedures of panel jury system. He pointed out that the function and duties as well as authority of the judicial commissioners under the panel system have not been drafted and presented to the Council for approval; hence, it may be considered unconstitutional to proceed under the present status of the Judicial Commission.

Mr. Kimoto informed that the present Judicial Commission is authorized by the Project Director to act as proxy; therefore, it is not acting under any other terms.

Mr. Okamoto expressed that the reason for Block 22's deliberate delay in electing representatives to the jury panel is the probable unconstitutionality of the Judicial Commission under the evacuee government under WRA.

Legal Committee of the Council was requested to find out under what jurisdiction the present court is in session.

Mr. Matsumoto proposed to grant indefinite cash grant to every family on indefinite leave. Mr. Okamoto advised that a pauper's oath will lose citizenship status. As this is a general problem among other centers, the Council Resettlement Committee was assigned to recommend to the Council a draft on request for such grant.

On clothing allowances following the public assistance grants, Mr. Matsumoto informed that a recent Washington instruction allows clothing allowances only to such persons who are unable to work due to old age or physical unfitness, which will eliminate persons under the public assistance grants but who are considered workable. Such families which absolutely need clothing allowances besides the public assistance grants shall have to file a new application with the Welfare section; upon approval by Miss Hayne they are entitled to receive clothing allowances. The Welfare Committee to look into it.

Mr. Nagano's proposal to interpret all court proceedings in Japanese was rejected on the ground of unpracticability. Mr. Matsumoto disclosed that Mr. Doi, chief judge, advised resignation from the panel if such representatives who consider themselves incompetent due to lack of English vocabulary or who are at present on the Police force.

Mr. Nagano reported there are 120 000 building floorings piled up in the warehouse area which can be converted to wind breakers at the doorways of apartments. The matter was referred to the Block Managers through Mr. Hamanaga.



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Retaining measures of evacuee doctors was proposed by Mr. Oka. Mr. Oka told the Council that at Tule Lake Center the people donated 5¢ per person for doctors' remuneration. A hospital supporters' association had been founded for such purpose. Mr. Tsunokai suggested to refer the matter to the block residents as the matter is not to be solved by the Council body. It was decided the councilmen are to request opinion of the blocks on collection of fund for retaining evacuee physicians and surgeons at 5¢ per person per month, which fund is to be used for remuneration of such doctors.

Proposal by Block 8 residents on services of the Community Enterprises employees and cashing checks was submitted to Mr. Sashihara who will make report on it to the trustees of the Community Enterprises.

On Mr. Motoyoshi's proposal of use of recreation halls for block meetings, Mr. Ritchie explained that space propositions are in progress which will solved the question.

Mr. Saito urged on prompt set-up of a new Trust. He declared that block committee on Trust should be organized to study Trust. Mr. Ritchie expressed that there is misunderstanding between the present trustees and a large portion of residents and moved that a joint meeting be held to enlighten on the question of the Community Enterprises by former block chairmen, present members of the Council, and chairmen of the former Coop study committee. Motion passed with 13 favoring votes. Date was set for this Saturday, October 16, at 1:30 PM. Mr. Ritchie to arrange the place for the meeting.

Mr. Yonemura moved that the Council pass on resolution to enforce more strictly the regulation provided under the charter, section 10-b, that such councilmen guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, or non-feasance in office should be handled in accordance with the charter. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Next meeting: October 18, Thursday at 9:00 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Conference Room

October 14, 1943  
Thursday  
9:20 am--11:15 am

Absentees: Messrs. Motoyoshi and Ritchie.  
Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura and Oki.  
Minutes of October 12 were read and approved.

The Council secretary reported the result of the election of Block 15 councilman. Mr. Shintaro Miyazaki was duly elected councilman from Block 15 with a total casting of 74 votes.

Mr. Kimoto reported that a trial due October 12 had been postponed till next Tuesday, October 18 on account of unclarified complexity involved with court procedures; Mr. Robertson was reported to have delegated authority to try the case to the Judicial Commission. Mr. Kimoto was appointed by the Council to see Mr. McGowen, Project Attorney, to draft center ordinances and the Council's by-laws.

Joint meeting of former block chairmen, present councilmen, and chairman of the Co-op study committee has been set for Saturday, October 16 at 1:30 PM at the high school study hall by the north entrance.

Mr. Ryoichi Fujii of the Relocation Committee expressed gratitude to the Council for the past cooperation and assistance. He informed of his leave, and introduced Mr. Eihiro Iwasaki as his successor.

Mr. Nakaki informed that the Council Resettlement Committee still working in conjunction with the Relocation Committee on revision of issuance of indefinite cash grant clause.

Mr. Masunaga reported that construction of wind breakers for apartment doorways will start as soon as enough materials are available. Block Managers have completed survey on it.

Following reports, the Council took up discussion on various subjects.

Mr. Okazaki requested the Council to follow expedition of space propositions now still pending.

Throwing the Hallowe'en party at the initiation of the Council for center children was proposed. Ice cream, cookies, pies, etc., to be served. The matter was referred to the Welfare Committee. Said party was set for Saturday night, October 30, on the eve of Hallowe'en.

The Council Food Committee was instructed to requisition mochi-gome for the New Year Day.

Once again three-meetings-a-week proposition was made to the Council in view of pressing agenda which have to be followed in addition to the Council's job of adopting ordinances which had not yet started. Mr. Yonemura informed that the Project Attorney is preparing a draft on rules and regulations of the Judicial Commission and is ready for ratification by the Council. As the Administrative Instruction No. 85 limits the extent of penalty and power of the Judicial Commission, there is nothing the Council could do in that respect, but Mr. Nakaki pointed out the necessity of adopting ordinances for the Police and Fire Dept., to which the Council agreed and requested the Legal Committee to contact every division to submit to the Council model ordinances. The Original proposition of 3 meetings a week was rebuked by the majority of the Council and this was ruled out of order.



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Mr. Nagumo pointed out danger in the handling of boilers in the laundry building by new residents from Tule Lake and suggested to have instructions pertaining to the boilers in bulletin forms to be posted at the boilers. The matter was referred to the Block Managers through Mr. Masunaga.

Mr. Miyazaki succeeded the Rev. C. Horikoshi in the Council sub-committees.

Mr. Chairman requested election of respective chairman in the Council sub-committees.

Process of Community Enterprises refunds was reported by Mr. Sashihara. Figures in detail have been published in the Sentinel, October 16 issue. Mr. Okamoto argued as to the authority of WRA to intervene by setting forth regulations pertaining to refunding process of the community's enterprises in the military reservation. No conclusive decision has been made.

It was brought to the attention of the Council on erecting an old men's home which had been approved long ago and has not been started as yet. The Welfare Committee to push the matter.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Next meeting: October 19, Tuesday, at 9:00 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

Oct. 19, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:30 am—11:30 am

Attendance: Mr. B. Teramoto of Community Activities; Mr. Ryan, Acting Assistant Project Director.

Absentees: Messrs. Okazaki, Motoyoshi, Oki, and Ritchie.

Tardy: Mr. Yonemura.

Mr. Teramoto of the Community Activities requested councilmen's attendance to the "Meet Guy Robertson Night" to be held at the high school auditorium, Oct. 20, Wednesday at 7:00 pm for former Tule Lake residents under the joint sponsorship of the Community Activities section and the Relocation Committee.

Minutes of October 14 were read and approved.

REPORTS:

Agriculture Committee: Mr. Oka's request of turning over sacks and crates to mess halls been taken up by Block Managers.

Health and Sanitation Committee meets Dr. Irwin and Guy Robertson this afternoon on dental and doctor's situation.

Welfare Committee: Mr. Matsushige reported that 400 cases of eyeglass requisitions since last May have been piled up due to shortage of materials and proper equipment. Mr. Sashihara added that the most essential material which is lens is almost unobtainable.

Food Committee: 100 sacks of mochi-gome, 2,000 pounds each of azuki beans and soba wheat have been requisitioned by the procurement office. For the Halloween Party, instead of ice cream, sherbet will be served along with cookies. Turkey and candies for children will be requisitioned for the Thanksgiving party. Mr. Umino, expert in tofu making, was chosen as supervisor of the tofu factory in the warehouse area.

Legal Committee: Mr. Kimoto informed that definitions of crimes are stated in the Administrative Instruction No. 85 and the Project Attorney will extract such definitions to be applied to center ordinances. Memos have been sent to all divisions requesting them to submit ordinance propositions for the Council's approval.

The Council passed to select 2 persons from each block for the Community Enterprises Study & Negotiation Committee on or before Tuesday, October 26. ✓

Result of a vote for donation fund for evacuee physicians and surgeons from Center blocks as reported are as follows: Those favoring are Blocks 1, 6, 8, 12, 21, 23, 25, and 28; rest are undecided. The Council chairman requested decision of remaining blocks by next Tuesday, October 26.

Transportation service and heating facilities for crews in the warehouse area were proposed. Mr. Ryan, Acting Assistant Project Director, informed that Mr. Richey, Equipment and Maintenance Supervisor, had mapped out routes throughout center for transportation. As to coal delivery, it is anticipated that temporary suspension of coal delivery would occur frequently hereafter due to traffic tie-up at Laurel, Montana yard through which the Burlington Railroad passes. Coal workers can use CCC building used for induction of former Tule Lake residents until a shelter is provided.

Rules for procedure submitted by the Judicial Commission for the Council's approval was reviewed and returned for technical revisions of certain wording. The Council approved to adopt revised rules of procedure.



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Mr. Yonemura proposed to request arrangement of mess halls for grade school children at Blocks 7 and 25 who are attending from distant blocks to serve hot lunch. Mr. Masunaga offered a suggestion that an unused OGC building in Block 7 may be converted into a mess in its entity for such a purpose. The Education Committee was assigned to make proper arrangement.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Next meeting: October 21, Thursday at 9:00 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

OCT. 21, 1943  
THURSDAY  
9:30--11:50 AM

Attendance: Mess Workers' representatives; "Bosie" Matsui, Chief of Police; Kiyoshi Doi, Chairman of the Judicial Commission; Douglas Todd, Assistant Project Director.

Absentees: Messrs. Saito, Ritchie, and Nakaki.

Tardy: Messrs. Matsushige, Masunaga, and Okazaki.

Minutes of October 19 were read and approved.

The Council secretary reported that Mr. Tokuji Tokimasa was duly elected councilman from Block with a vote of 83 against 63 of Mrs. Amy Tanaka. Mr. Tokimasa was appointed to serve on the Legal and Labor Committees.

The Education Committee reported that hot lunch to be served to children from distant blocks at mess halls at Blocks 7 and 25 will be taken up at the Administrative staff meeting Saturday, October 23. Plan proposed calls for serving lunch at 11:30 AM for such children. Figures show approximately 250 pupils under the third grade in each grade school.

Mr. Matsushige reported that the construction of an old folks home will be delayed due to other higher priorities. According to Dr. Irwin, present number of aged folks can be accommodated at the hospital.

New requisitions for eyeglasses will be forwarded to 2 Denver firms. Unfilled orders heretofore must wait until formal refusal has been forwarded by the lens companies. Higher priority has been set for grade school children and project employees for eyeglass requisitions. Medical officer's certificate is necessary for dental requisitions. Dr. Kawahara, DDS, was appointed laboratory supervisor for dental plating.

According to the quota set for doctors in relation to population, this center should have 7 doctors. Possibility of securing 3 more doctors is hopeful, according to Mr. Robertson.

Mess workers' representatives requested the Council's assistance in pushing the matter of maintaining status prior to October 1 in the number and wage classifications of mess personnel. The Council advised to assist upon receipt of a copy of resolution passed by the mess workers' ass'n which will be submitted to the Project Director.

Mr. Matsui, Chief of Police, explained the necessity of a uniform and other form of identification mark for the policemen. At present there are 54 men on the force including secretaries and detectives. Material required for a uniform will be about 3 yards at either \$5 or \$7 for wool, cheaper for cotton which would require 6 yards per person. Mr. Nakashima moved a motion to request Washington thru the Project Director for issuance of uniforms for policemen. Motion passed unanimously.

Just as Mr. Doi, Chairman of the Judicial Commission, brought out a subject of erecting additional recreation halls, Mr. Todd, Assistant Project Director, came in, and as a matter of course the question was directed to Mr. Todd. As far as CCC buildings are concerned, they are over-appropriated; 24 buildings are used in the poultry area and still they are not enough to supply with eggs and poultry, 1 building allocated for an old folks home, 4 left in the park area. Lumber is the hardest thing to get and is one of the most critical.



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materials, therefore, it is almost impossible to get permit from the War Production Board to use the lumber pile in the warehouse area. Labor is critical, and strain on the center is more severe than before the segregation. Main intention of the Washington authorities of WRA is evacuees' relocation; return to normal stream of life and depopulate relocation centers.

Mr. Todd explained there is an acute necessity of manpower mobilization even by suspending everything that is not essential to the project so as to rescue such crops as potatoes, daikon, cabbage, etc., before another frost kills and destroys \$60,000 worth of crops. For this emergency, messhalls will remain open till 7 PM in order to accommodate late return of farm laborers, and transportation facilities that are not tied up to food and coal deliveries will be turned to this cause. Mr. Todd requested councilmen to endorse and support this plan and spread word around the blocks. The Council passed a resolution to support and endorse the Administration on the agricultural plan.

Then the Council went into discussion on restriction against door-to-door donation campaign, but this matter was postponed until afternoon session today.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Afternoon session will open at 1:30 PM.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 PM

Absentees: Messrs. Yonemura, Yokoi, Ritchie, and Kumai.

Session continued from morning on the alleged donation campaign of the Buddhist churches which was said to have started from yesterday. Mr. Kimoto explained the purpose of the door-to-door campaign was to get acquainted with former Tule Lake residents and extend invitation to the talent show and movies on coming Saturday and Sunday nights. Mr. Matsushige disclosed clothing allowances are issued to the families of ministers and "Fuse", offerings from members of the Buddhist churches, are distributed among ministers for compensation. The Council passed a resolution to restrict that a house-to-house soliciting for contribution by any private organization is not desired. No restriction against voluntary contributions.

Use of the High school auditorium for the Christmas or the New Years show was proposed. It was decided that such request be forwarded to Mr. Kurtz of Recreation and Mr. Corbett of Education for permit. In case no permit is given, it was advised that the matter be brought to the Council.

Memo to be sent to Mr. Embree of the Housing section for equal distribution of families to proper unit in accordance with their size and also for maintenance of equilibrium of block population.

An example of unfair food distribution was illustrated by Mr. Oka. Block 23-30 complained that at one time only  $\frac{1}{2}$  slab of bacon ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  #) was distributed to feed 266 people. The Council Food Committee was assigned to investigate the matter.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

October 26, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:20--11:20 AM

Attended: Messrs. Hara and Katagi of the Community Activities; Mr. Hosaka  
on Janitors' Problem.

Absentees: None

Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura, Yokoi, and Motoyoshi.

Mr. Hara of the Community Activities informed that the Christmans ege party will be held in each mess hall for children and at the high school auditorium for youths. Suits for Santa Claus are available at the Community Activities and will be delivered to each mess on the eve'. Each block to select Santa Claus. The Council Recreation Committee will coordinate in the Christmas and New Year entertainments with Recreation Department.

The Hallowe'en party will be conducted in the following mess halls:

1-30	for	Blocks	1, 2, 6	24-30	for	Blocks	23, 24, 30
8-30	"	"	8, 9,	25-30	"	"	22, 25, 29
14-30	"	"	7, 14, 15	27-27	"	"	21, 27, 28
17-30	"	"	12, 17, 20				

Time: 7:00--9:00 PM, October 30; pre-Kindergarten to the 5th Grade.

Minutes of October 21 were read and approved with a correction.

The letter of acknowledgment of a Council's report on indigents and message of residents to be transmitted to the House of Representatives in Japan was received from the Consul of Spain at San Francisco, dated October 20, 1943.

The Council voted upon the return of the Gordon Hirabayashi fund to residents: each councilman acknowledge receipt of respective fund from the Community Enterprises to be returned to respective blocks.

Following additional blocks reported in favor of contributing to the hospital supporters association for evacuee doctors' remunerations. Blocks 14, 15, 20, 29, and 30 making a total in favors of the plan 16 against 4 undecided. The Council instructed the Health and Sanitation Committee to ascertain with proper authorities as to the legality of such plan in accordance with the WRA regulations before taking the matter into its own hands for initiation of an organization to support evacuee doctors in this center.

A copy of resolution submitted by the Mess Workers Club to Vic Ryan, Acting Assistant Project Director, was forwarded to the Labor Committee.

Mr. Hosaka asked the Council's cooperation in reinforcing the janitors by an additional man and a woman in each block.

The letter from the Topaz Relocation Center requesting a copy of the manual of the Judicial Commission in this center for their reference was forwarded to the Legal Committee for reply.

Mr. Oka relayed the request by the Agricultural Department that the Council agree on reduction of 50 cents per crate taken out of the mess halls by any resident to be imposed upon such person against his clothing allowances as crates and boxes are at present very critical materials. The Council voted in favor of the idea.



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Licensing power of the Community Council was disputed. WRA Chief, Community Management Division, Mr. Provinse, addressed letter to Mr. M.O. Andersen which was referred to the Council for discussion. Said letter advocates the licensing power of the Council should be granted by WRA. After due deliberation the Council dismissed the matter as unnecessary and untimely at present.

Mr. Okazaki proposed establishment of a junior college in this center should be considered for study. The Council agreed and referred the matter to the Education Committee for the feasibility of such proposal. Difficulty in obtaining proper and competent faculties was mentioned.

The Council secretary brought to the attention of the Council again on the blocks vote on utilizing the Community Enterprises fund for youth organizations at \$1200 a year. The Council instructed the secretary to relay the result of blocks' opinion, 15:2 in favor of the proposition, to the Trustees of the Community Enterprises.

Secretary was told to send a memorandum calling for cautious driving to the Motor Pool supervisor. Two evacuees was reported to have died as a result of an automobile accident at Lake Lake a few days ago.

At the request of Mr. Masunaga on behalf of the Sentinel, the Council agreed to boost the Sentinel subscriptions among residents.

The Council decided to have the Community Enterprises Committee call the first meeting of the Community Enterprises Study and Negotiation Committee at 1 PM, Saturday, October 30 at the high school study hall near the north entrance.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Next meeting: October 28, Thursday at 9:00 AM.



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The Council reviewed the letter from Mrs. Mary Farquharson of Seattle on Gordon Hirabayashi's case. No allusion was mentioned in said letter as to what intention is in store for the disposal of this fund raised here. Mrs. Farquharson strongly asserted a test case out of legality of detention in relocation center the American citizens of the Japanese ancestry but the Gordon Hirabayashi Defense Committee is at a loss as to how to do it. The Council passed a resolution to return said fund to each block as soon as it redeems the money from the Community Enterprises wherein the Temporary Council of Block Chairmen had deposited in charge.

Mr. Sakauye of the Agricultural division requested councilmen to recruit 10 men from each block: south of the Main Street on Monday, Wednesday, Friday; and north of the Main Street on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Workers to meet at southeast corner of Block 13 at 1:00 PM. The Council decided that all available councilmen volunteer to work from next Monday.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.



October 28, 1943  
Thursday  
9:20 -- 11:35 AM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

Attended: Mr. Main, Supply Officer.  
Absentee: Mr. Yokoi. Tardy: Messrs. Okazaki, Motoyoshi, and Nakashima.

Minutes of October 26 were read and approved with correction.

The Council set meetings to start at 9:30 AM sharp hereafter. A brief report was made on fire incident at 15-30 mess hall by Mr. Miyazaki.

The Executive Secretary to send a letter of commendation to the Fire Department.

Mr. Oka proposed to request delivery of coal to last at least one month in case the delivery should be suspended due to weather or railway trouble. Mr. Main was called upon to explain the coal situation. With the present crew the maximum output of this crew per day is 7 cars, which Mr. Main agreed to order. Trouble is getting 7 cars on the right day as difficulty lies in getting coal cars through Laurel, Montana yard. However, this center is much fortunate than any other civilian wholesale companies as they are one month behind in getting orders filled compared to our one week or less delay.

Mess hall personnel problem was discussed with Mr. Main. Mr. Carroll had sent a telegram to Washington advising what has been done about establishing the standard overhead for mess hall; in the meantime, we cannot do anything.

Mr. Matsushige was instructed to look into the feasibility of a proposed organization to support evacuee doctors. Report on smooth requisition of eyeglasses was contradictory to fact. The actual requisition system has not reached the point of functioning as yet.

Councilmen's get-together party was proposed and passed. Mr. Motoyoshi, proposer, was chosen as the committee chairman who in turn selected Messrs. Masunaga, Oki, Nakaki, and Yonemura as committee-men.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 2 at 9:30 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

*Wednesday*  
November 2, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:30 AM--11:30 AM

Absentees: Messrs. Yokoi and Nakaki. Tardy: Mr. Motoyoshi.  
Minutes of October 28 were read and approved.

Mr. Kimoto, Legal Committee, submitted to the Council a proposal of center regulations. Enactment of the proposal shall be discussed Tuesday, November 9, 1943, a week from this date.

The Council passed and adopted an act of establishment of a Judicial system for the Heart Mountain Relocation Center. Copy will be forwarded to the Sentinel for publication this week.

A copy of petition presented to the Administrative officials by the Mess Hall Workers Club was submitted to the Council for endorsement. After reviewing said petition, the Council concurred that requests made therein by the Mess Hall Workers Club were quite reasonable and agreed to inform the Project Director of the Council's endorsement thereof.

Relative to fire hazards, the Council assigned the Executive Committee to push the matter of repairing improper wiring in conjunction with the Fire Department.

A copy of memorandum submitted to Block Managers was forwarded to the Council on the subject of blood donation. This center needs more blood donors for blood transfusion. Miss V. n Kirk prefers to have the people volunteer their services, for whom she will test the blood, and will call upon them when needed. Councilmen were informed to notify residents of our need for blood.

Distribution of sewing machines in the laundry rooms to residents was proposed by Mr. Oka. Use of sewing machines by residents has been left to the discretion of blocks, provided three in each laundry room remains at all times, Mr. Masunaga informed.

Mr. Yonemura's proposition to distribute lumber to homes without much furnitures was referred to the Block Managers.

Mr. Matsushige reported on the requisition of eyeglasses. Miss Thomas, a medical social worker, has been assigned full time to this matter, and is communicating with Denver firms on details of business transaction. In the meantime, it has been requested with the American Optical Company of San Francisco to forward a list of orders that cannot be filled so that such list can be turned over to new contract.

Council Food Committee made recommendation that trucks carrying meat be provided with a weighing scale. Passed.

Councilmen were unanimous in pushing the request for expedition of making desks and chairs in the block offices.

Mr. Yonemura was assigned to keep observation on the process of the case of Bepp, an evacuee who had been beaten up by Sergeant Freeman of the military police. Mr. Yonemura reported on details of the incident and the case is pending until thorough investigation is made.



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Reports of Rev. Sano's son not being admitted to a grade school at Kansas City, Missouri, and a wife of a Japanese American soldier at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, were referred to the Relocation Committee by the Council's committee.

Mr. Kumai relayed Block 30 residents' request for the Council to pass an ordinance setting forth the amount of various forms of contribution at principal ceremonies. No action has been taken by the Council in restricting such practice which often go into extravagance and superficial vanity. Mr. Ritchie moved that such a matter be left to the discretion of each block and that the Council shall make no resolution to set up amount for contributions. Motion seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Next meeting: November 4, 1943; Thursday, at 9:30 a.m.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

Date: November 4, 1943  
Thursday  
Time: 9:30 AM--11:55 AM

Attended: Mr. Roy Motonaga, Sentinel Reporter.  
Absentee: Mr. Ritchie. Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura and Oki.  
Minutes of November 2 were read and approved.

Mr. Sashihara reported on eyeglasses. According to Mr. Taggard, Community Enterprises supervisor, business details have worked out favorably with the Denver firms. Also a Cody firm will take orders on eyeglasses. Time and permit to go to Cody should be arranged with Miss Thomas, medical social worker.

Mr. Masunaga informed of end of coal mine strike as of last night. Coal for this center will be delivered here on Monday. To be announced at the mess halls.

A communication on soy sauce was received from L. T. Main, Project Supply Officer, addressed to the Council. The Sakura brand of soy sauce was ordered by Mr. Nose and Mr. Oizumi of the Project Food Committee, according to report by Mr. Sashihara. The Council passed a motion to pass a resolution restricting alteration of requisition items by individuals at liberty without consultation or approval of the joint body of the Project Food Committee and the Council Food Committee and the Project Procurement Officer. Mr. Yonemura's motion to investigate the addition of another brand of soy sauce to specification requisitioned by the Project Procurement Office was passed and referred to the Council Food Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Yonemura and was passed to forward a copy of any resolution passed by the Council sub-committees to the Council chairman and secretary for documentation.

The Legal Committee was requested to distribute a mimeographed parliamentary procedures of the Council meeting to councilmen.

A proposed traffic code was submitted by the Legal Committee. Discussion thereof will be taken up at the Tuesday meeting, November 11.

On proposed plan by the Janitor section to add one man and one woman in each block, the Council instructed the Labor Committee to discuss with the Janitor group to request only one man for an additional janitor instead of as proposed.

Mr. Yonemura was instructed to look into the feasibility of erecting a safety deposit vault.

The Council Food Committee was assigned to check up the amount of cost of food consumed per capita per day while the Community Enterprises Committee was requested to study in conjunction with the C.E. trustees the feasibility of manufacturing miso, shoyu, tofu, etc., on the project as the investment of the Community Enterprises.

Mr. Matsushige reported that according to Mr. Anderson, a caucasian doctor is on his way to this center. As to the organization to support evacuee doctors, Mr. Anderson will communicate with Washington officials for further study; it may be infeasible according to his interpretation. The Council passed a motion that it shall be resolved regardless of WRA officials' opinion a committee shall be organized to support evacuee doctors. The Health and Sanitation Committee was assigned to contact evacuee doctors as to their opinion of the matter before effecting said resolution.



At the request of Mr. Kurtz regarding a speech by a councilman on the Armistice Day Program, Mr. Yonemura was elected to represent the Council.

Message from the Relocation Office was referred to the Council Relocation Committee. Director of the Brethren Hostel in Chicago was reported to visit this project on Sunday, November 14 to discuss relocation promotion, according to Mr. Kodama of the Relocation Office.

Copy of a teletype reply from Washington on community enterprises was forwarded to the Council by Mr. McGowen, Project Attorney. Said message was forwarded to Mr. Nagamori, chairman of the Community Enterprises Study and Negotiation Committee for reference.

Public Relation and Relocation Committee shall be a responsible body to release articles on community council for the Sentinel publications. Said committee shall act as liaison between the Council and the Sentinel.

Motion was made to repeal the previous act of establishment of a Judicial system as submitted by the Legal Committee and adopted by the Council last Tuesday, November 2. Said previous act was repealed by a unanimous vote. Motion then was made to adopt the amended act of establishment of a Judicial system as submitted by the Legal Committee. Revised act was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Motoyoshi informed that the councilmen get-together party will be held next Friday evening, November 12, at 17-27. There will be a charge of nominal fee.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM. till next Tuesday, November 9, at 9:30 AM.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

November 11, 1943  
Thursday  
9:30 AM--9:45 am

Absentees: Messrs. Okazaki and Nakashima.

Mr. Matsushige reported on interview with Mr. Anderson regarding a formation of a committee to support evacuee doctors. Accordingly, Mr. Matsushige requested the Council's reconsideration inasmuch as Mr. Anderson held a different view on the matter and advised that this need further study. The Council concurred to await Mr. Robertson's return before taking any action on it.

Due to the Armistice day program, the Council meeting was adjourned till tomorrow at 9:30 AM. <sup>r</sup>

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

November 12, 1943  
Friday

Absentees: Messrs. Yonemura, Okazaki, Tokimasa.  
Tardy: Messrs. Yokoi, Tsunokai, Oki, and Ritchie.

Minutes of November 9 were read and approved.

Ralph E. Smeltzer, Director of the Brethren Hostel in Chicago, was reported to arrive this center on Sunday, November 14. An address by him was scheduled at the Tuesday meeting while a mass meeting will be held Tuesday night at 10:30 for general public.

Mr. Motoyoshi reported that certain Japanese arts and entertainment planned for the New Year's celebration are banned from the high school auditorium. In order to clarify situation the Council agreed to await Mr. Robertson's return.

Janitors' foreman still insist on extra one man and one woman for firing stoves in each latrine, according to report by Mr. Nakashima. Such a request was superfluous was the opinion of a number of councilmen. Decision was made that the janitors present their petition to the proper people for approval. The Council secretary was assigned to request the Administration to set up a crew solely confined to firing stoves in the latrines, laundry rooms, and recreation halls.

At the end of the last fiscal year, July 31, 1943, unclaimed receipts accumulated in the unclaimed receipts boxes at C.E. stores amounted to \$5,000, the dividend value thereof was estimated at \$1,000 which will be forwarded to the Community Activities section as contribution. Mr. Sashihara explained the process of refund.

Proposed Traffic Code was returned with recommendations for supplementary clauses. Discussion for adoption thereof will be held at next Tuesday meeting.

Telegram addressed to Managers from Chihara Takeda, former secretary of the Dai-ichi Gakuen at Los Angeles informed of death of Kohei Shimano, former principal of that school, November 9 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, detention camp. Funeral services will be held at Poston pending arrival of remains.

The Executive Secretary was assigned to send a letter of ~~condolence~~ <sup>congratulation</sup> to Mr. Robertson, now recuperating from a minor operation.



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Mr. Ritchie, chairman of the Community Activities Board of Trustees, submitted a memorandum in which he informed THAT \$2,000 are earmarked for purchasing equipment for recreation halls. This amount will be distributed to each block at \$100.00 in the form of either check or itmes of recreational purposes which can be had through the Recreation supervisor. Mr. Ritchie requested councilmen to submit a list of inventory of items purchased by this fund.

- P. Working conditions of the Heart Mountain crew at Tule Lake was reported by Mr. Masunaga.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Next meeting: November 16, Tuesday, at 9:30 AM.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

November 16, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:30 AM--11:40 AM

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Attended: Mr. Ralph E. Smeltzer, Director of the Chicago Brethren Hostel; Mr. D.M. Todd, Acting Project Director, and Mr. "Rosie" Matsui, Chief of Police. There was no absence today. Messrs. Yokoi, Okazaki, and Tsunokai were tardy. Minutes of November 11 and 12 meetings were read and approved with a correction.

Memorandum from Mr. Anderson on enactment of regulations by the Council was reviewed. Mr. Anderson stated that a proposed regulation be submitted to the Project Director in order to be reviewed in relation to Article III, Section 11-a, of the Charter before taking action to adopt it.

Function and duties of a block mother in a bulletin form were reviewed by the Council.

Mr. Ralph E. Smeltzer was introduced by Mr. Sashihara as Director of the Brethren Hostel in Chicago. Lengthy explanations on the function, history, purpose, and advantages of the hostel were made by Mr. Smeltzer.

After Mr. Smeltzer's leave, the Council resumed discussion of the day. A report was made on the trial of an evacuee in Block 30 on the charge of illegal possession of lumber and other articles of government property. In connection with this lumber problem, a dissatisfaction was voiced among councilmen against a letter addressed to all councilmen from M.L. Campbell, Chief of Internal Security and approved by the Acting Project Director, Mr. Todd. The source of the sentiment entertained by various councilmen was based on the fact that such a letter which had been delivered to councilmen just before their announcement at their regular block meetings would involve entire residents as far as the notice of removal can be made of lumber or household furnitures as to whether such have been made from illegally possessed lumber or scrap lumber. Such a notice might cause an agitation among residents was the apprehension of certain councilmen. Mr. Todd and Mr. Matsui, Acting Project Director and Chief of Police, respectively, were called to explain the extent of their intentions relative to the matter of lumber in the apartments. All I wanted to do, said Mr. Todd, were to control over: 1) Equitable distribution of lumber to needy; 2) Elimination of fire hazards; and 3) Prevention of pilfering of lumber from job, but no objection to taking lumber from scrap piles if necessity is justified. Evidences show piling of lumber and other articles of government property in the attics of many apartments according to reports filed at the Internal Security by fire inspectors. Mr. Matsui expressed partial responsibility in issuing the letter to councilmen. He explained that since he was unable to reach councilmen at the Council meeting, he chose to send a letter requesting to notify residents against hoarding of government property. Mr. Todd informed that by Thursday this week, two truckloads of lumber from project saw mill will be distributed to needy residents upon filing application to Mr. Embree through respective block managers in order to provide them with closets, shelves, etc. Also short pieces of wood made out of slabs from the saw mill will be distributed as kindling wood to residents through block managers. Mr. Ritchie advocated points enumerated by Mr. Todd to which the Council concurred. Then a matter of fuse supply was discussed. It was argued that the Light and Power unit should supply an adequate amount of fuses to Block Managers. This was agreed upon by all present, provided a written report be submitted to the Electricians for every fuse supplied on the following morning. Overloading the wiring with electricity by bridging with a penny coin or using a 30-ampere fuse should be refrained by residents. Mr. Todd asserted that the people should be made conscious of responsibility. Mr. Sashihara advised all councilmen to make clarification on the letter and announce Mr. Todd's points to residents at the mess halls.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM till Thursday, November 18, at 9:30 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

November 18, 1943  
Thursday  
9:30 AM--11:25 AM

Absentee: Mr. Ritchie. Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura, Matsushige, Yokoi, Motoyoshi, and Oki.

Minutes of November 16 were read and passed without correction.

Mr. Tsunokai reported that Miyahara and Aiso who had been transferred to the Leupp Center ~~were released~~ <sup>have been released</sup> and are ~~set~~ <sup>now</sup> on the outside.

Mr. Nagumo reported on <sup>the</sup> poultry situation. He condemned inadequate accommodations and improper construction of CCC buildings <sup>as responsible</sup> for ever-accumulating toll of mortality of poultry, ~~especially chicken~~. However, he was optimistic of the future in that ~~things will turn for the better from the new year.~~ <sup>are expected to be</sup>

Various subjects were brought up for discussion this morning.

It was agreed upon by councilmen unanimously that a deputy badge should be supplied to them in order to assist in controlling youths' misdemeanors. Such children with mental deficiency should be reported to Miss Thomas, medical social advisor, at the hospital.

An exchange of the present brand of soy sauce now being used at mess halls with a better brand was proposed by Mr. Oka. Mr. Yonemura pointed out that all food items purchased by the quartermaster have passed the U.S. inspection; hence, no charge can be made as to impurity or harmfulness of food consumed in the center. Mr. Saito advised those blocks suffering from abhorrent odor of the soy sauce to cook it with a mixture of aji-no-moto and sugar. The Council arrived at a conclusion that the Council Food Committee request the Project Food Committee to distribute enough ~~amount~~ of aforementioned items to better the taste of the soy sauce. Mr. Oka expressed desire that the Project Food Committee requisition better brand of food items to avoid dissatisfaction of residents and which will in a long run serve more economical as no waste will be made of a better brand of foodstuff.

In connection with the food problem, milk shortage was voiced by some of the blocks. The Council secretary <sup>advised</sup> ~~informed~~ that effective November 15, milk supply purchased on the Project may not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint per person per day in order to comply with the recent order from the Office of Price Administration. It was pointed out distribution of milk to residents will be based upon WRA policy issued last February, "Fresh milk shall be provided only to infants, nursing mothers, pregnant women, and other persons who by medical discretion require a special diet." However, still 10 gallons per mess hall as distributed to Block 24 with residents of more than 235 in each are not sufficient for even children in that block. Mr. Oki, Block 24 councilman, pointed out that according to OPA,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint is a quota for all persons, therefore, his block should be getting 15 gallons of milk per mess hall. The Council Food Committee was requested to look into the matter. Problems re milk station were requested to be referred to Block Managers.

Disturbance in the hospital ward 6 between the hours of 6:30-8:30 PM by young people was ~~complained~~ <sup>reported</sup>. The Health and Sanitation Committee was assigned to see about it.

The Executive Committee was requested to <sup>check</sup> ~~locate~~ WRA intention in <sup>having</sup> ~~securing~~ 5 Caucasian Internal Security Officers on the project, its purpose, and the cause for such necessity.

Mr. Yonemura was advised to see Mr. Anderson as to the set up of a coordination board under the Community Council so as to assign councilmen without a definite means of income. Following councilmen are affected: Blocks 14, 21, 22, and 30.



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Regarding clothing allowances, Mr. Matsushige informed that person over the age of 65 without a supporter shall be eligible to public assistance grants and clothing allowances during the months of winter, starting from October, without application. Persons under 65 years shall require medical certificate: this will include the sick.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM. Next Council meeting: Tuesday, November 23, 1943 at 9:30 AM.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BLOCK MANAGERS' OFFICE

November 23, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:30 AM—11:50 AM

The Community Council Office, Conference Room, and Block Managers' Office have moved in the GCC building north of the Administration Building as of November 22, 1943.

Attended: Miss Virginia Lynn, Vocational Counselor.

Absent: Messrs. Yonemura, Masunaga, and Sashihara,

Tardy: Messrs. Yokoi, Okazaki, and Tsunokai.

Minutes of November 18 were read and passed with a rescission.

Report on the Food Committee's activity was made by Mr. Oki. Various information were released. The Council requested same to find out whether BPA ruling of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of milk to be supplied per person per day applies to infants, nursing or pregnant mothers, and persons who need a special diet. In connection with shoyu requisitioned last, Messrs. Nagumo, Oka, Yonemura, Kimoto, and Saito were appointed to investigate the verity of a rumor concerning Mr. Nise's, the Project Food Committee, requisitioning of the "Sakura" brand of shoyu.

Next, matter of dental laboratory to be set up in the hospital was taken up for discussion. The Council concluded to send a letter of request to employ Mr. Kohara, dental technician, at the dental laboratory to Dr. Irwin, Senior Medical Officer.

Following matters were referred to the Recreation-Education Committee:

- a. Use of the high school auditorium for the Japanese entertainment on the New Year to be negotiated with the Project Director.
- b. Negotiation with the Washington's Alien Property Custodian to release some of the non-propaganda Japanese motion picture films, provided permit is granted by owners to show such films on the Project.
- c. To study the feasibility of raising a scholarship fund for high school graduates to encourage enrollment in higher institutions in collaboration with the effort on Miss Virginia Lynn, Vocational Counselor, and to report back to the Council of its conviction, if any, in the matter.

The Council secretary was assigned to contact the Spanish Embassy on an inquiry of any progress or action taken on the part of the Embassy re alien evacuees' formal requests submitted thereto.

Meeting was adjourned till Saturday, November 27, at 9:30 AM at Block Managers' Office.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BLOCK MANAGERS' OFFICE

November 27, 1943  
Saturday  
9:30 AM—11:25 AM

Attended: Miss Emma E. Thomas, Medical Social Worker; Mr. S. T. Kimball from Washington, D.C., WRA Office.

Absent: Messrs. Motoyoshi and Oka.

Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura, Yokoi, Okazaki, and Oki.

Minutes of November 23 were read and passed without correction.  
The Thursday Council meeting was altered to Friday hereafter.

Following reports were made by Mr. Nagumo:

- a. The New Year's Entertainment at the high school auditorium will not be permitted in view of wartime sentiment on the outside in such affairs in relocation centers.
- b. Janitors will see Mr. Todd on stove firing.
- c. Contribution campaign for a fund to support evacuee doctors--Mr. Robertson will inquire Washington WRA Office for its legality.
- d. A coordination board--Mr. Robertson will negotiate Washington again.
- e. Rohwer and Granada Centers replied in agreement of coordination between the centers.

Miss Emma E. Thomas, Medical Social Worker, at the hospital expressed desire to have councilmen's and managers' cooperation in getting information re home conditions of patients for special medical attention.

Mr. S. T. Kimball who is in charge of community organization of WRA in Washington visited the Council to inform a few changes made on the Community Government set-up. Some 250 copies of the new manual will arrive here with new instructions.

Mr. Matsushige reported employment of Henry Kohara in the dental laboratory as of December 1. Dr. Irwin, Chief Medical Officer, is contemplating enlarging laboratory space.

As to the eyeglasses, a branch factory of the American Optical Company of San Francisco at Des Moines, Iowa, started taking in back orders.

An ordinance restricting the use of fire hydrants was proposed by Mr. Glenn Runley, Fire Protection Officer. The Council returned it to the Legal Committee to draft a formal ordinance with a specification of penalty in its violation and to be submitted to the Council on Tuesday, November 30, 1943.

Mr. Oki's proposal of flying a service flag with a star added for every person joining the Armed Forces at the Administration Area was referred to the Council Public Relations Committee.

Meeting was adjourned till Tuesday, November 30, 1943.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

November 30, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:30 AM--11:50 AM

Absentees: NONE

Tardy: Messrs. Okazaki and Motoyoshi.

Minutes of November 27 meeting were read and approved without correction.

Communication from the Bohrer Community Council, Committee for Study of Relocation Problems was reviewed and referred to the Council Relocation Committee. Mr. Masunaga moved to pass a resolution to propose WRA and procedures with delegates from the nine centers. The letter from Washington WRA office addressed to all Project Directors and relocation supervisors dated October 28, 1943 was referred to the Council in elaboration of the motion by Mr. Sashikawa. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Tom Oki, Council Food Committee, reported on mochi-gome, milk supply, snacks for children up to 12 years of age, bakery, and tofu.

Mr. Nakashima reported on the Administration's intention concerning firing all stoves in latrines, laundry rooms, and recreation halls.

Various proposals were submitted for discussion today. Block 29 proxy councilman, Mr. Okazaki's proposal for the supply of buckets and brooms and other surplus items to residents were referred to Block Managers.

Clothing allowances for everyone was voiced jointly by Messrs. Oka and Masunaga. The Council passed motion to request the Administration to issue clothing allowances to those who are unemployed due to lack of employment even if they are willing to work. The Executive and Social Welfare Committees were assigned to negotiate the matter with Mr. Robertson.

Health and Sanitation Committee was referred on nurse's aides problem to study its function and clarify wrong conception re it.

The Council passed Mr. Saito's proposal to present a Christmas gift to each evacuee physician and surgeon at the hospital. It was unanimously agreed by all councilmen that each block contribute \$13 with an exception of Block 7 whose quota was set for \$7.50 and bring it to the Council office by Tuesday, December 14, 1943.

Reduction of sales prices of merchandise sold at the Community Enterprise stores were proposed by Mr. Saito. Mr. Ritchie moved that the Council Community Enterprise Committee study its feasibility and submit to the Council definite recommendations. Motion passed.

Re transportation of farm implement now on the west coast to the point of resettlement for immediate use, the Council secretary explained that the Evacuee Property office will handle its execution, but transportation expenses have to be paid by the evacuee owner. However, commercial property is not frozen in California against shipment outside of state. (Information obtained from Mr. H. Burnett, Evacuee Property Officer)

Mr. Ritchie proposed to increase coal piles in the block. The Housing Committee under the Social Welfare Committee was assigned to request that a coal pile be provided at the street end of each barrack.

The Legal Committee was assigned to find out regulation restricting posting on the walls of buildings without permission.

Meeting was adjourned till Friday, December 3, 1943 at 9:30 AM.



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HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BLOCK MANAGERS' OFFICE

December 3, 1943  
Friday  
9:30 AM--11:50 AM

Attended: Messrs. Todd, Anderson, Ryan, Main, Carroll, Lane, Rumley, and Larsen  
of the Administration. Former Warehouse #17 crew.  
Absentee: Mr. Motoyoshi. Tardy: Mr. Oki.

Minutes of November 30 meeting were read and passed without correction.

Following communications were reviewed by the Council. Mr. Myer to Mr. Robertson by a teletype message suggesting a discussion on and appraisal of situation in this center reported to him concerning the anniversary of "the Pearl Harbor Day". (quotation is the expression used by Mr. John M. Costello of the Dies Committee in the letter to Mr. Myer)

Memorandum from Mr. Main to the Council on mess hall personnel and ratings.

Former warehouse #17 crew members reported five of them had been terminated as of November 29 on the ground of insubordination, and made an appeal to the Council to arbitrate the discharged with proper authority for their reinstatement to the former position. The Labor Committee was requested to take charge of the matter.

Mr. Iwamura of Block 14 informed of his intention to publish a literary magazine in Japanese and obtained the Council's approval. He informed that the English translation of a copy for every issue will be submitted to the Reports Division and the proceeds of 15 cents per copy will be forwarded to the Community Activities section as a future fund.

The Welfare Committee was asked to take up a matter of tombstones and religious ceremonies in setting them up.

Above mentioned Administrative staff have reported to the Council meeting to go over the agenda which had been submitted to the Project Director for discussion. Mr. Main, Procurement Officer, took up the matters of mess workers club's petition and milk supply. The former subject will be taken up by himself at the Denver Conference to be held during next week. Only means for us to do on the latter problem is to make a direct appeal to the Washington WRA.

Mr. Lane, Manufacturing Superintendent of the Industry section, went over the tofu production here. Should get started within a week or ten days, he asserted.

Mr. Rumley, Fire Protection Officer, discussed on improper wiring. He explained that wiring is not the main cause for fire hazards, but rather home installations such as hot plates and improper installation of extension cords are direct cause for fire danger. Inspection to date revealed 470 cases of such dangerous installations. Overloading fuses is another violation. No more than three cords should be allowed, he contended.

Mr. Carroll, Chief of Employment Division, expressed his opinion on the Council's resolution recently passed on relocation conference. It will certainly be approved by Washington, he ascertained. Mr. Hoffman from Washington also concurred on the resolution, he said.



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Mr. Ryan, Assistant Project Director, along with Mr. Larsen, Cost Accountant, followed on the question of workmen's compensation. The Appropriation Act of Congress, February 1934, Statute 48 provides rate of compensation for CCC and WPA workers. This Act is applicable to evacuees in the relocation centers. Temporarily injured receives two thirds of his wage plus his clothing allowance plus subsistence and quarters (\$16.00, \$7.75, 19.00, 6.50, respectively) minus subsistence and quarters during the period he receives the compensation for a person getting \$16.00 per month. If permanently injured, such figures for subsistence and quarters shall not be deducted. This compensation applies only to traumatic injury. Rates of compensation for deaths are as follows: 35% of the husband's income for widow; 10% for each child under 18 years of age. Maximum rate for a family is set for 66.2/3%.

On the question of issuance of police uniform, Mr. Anderson, Assistant Project Director, informed there is no way whereby any WRA fund can provide police uniforms to evacuee policemen. Such a fund should come from outside of WRA fund.

The proposed ordinance on restriction of the use of fire hydrant was adopted by the Council with a rescission of a few wording. Its publication was withheld pending the Project Director's approval.

Meeting was adjourned till 9:30 AM, Tuesday, December 7, 1943.



HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BLOCK MANAGERS' OFFICE

December 7, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:30 AM--11:35 AM

Attended: Mr. Yoshio Kodama, Relocation Committee  
Absentee: None Tardy: Messrs. Oki and Nakashima

Mr. Yoshio Kodama of the Relocation Office spoke on setting up a temporary organization, Relocation Executive Board, to expedite relocation leave procedure, with Mr. Guy Robertson, Project Director, as chairman. Mr. Kodama wanted the Council to participate in it and submit a comprehensive plan to the Administration. The Council Relocation Committee members shall attend the Relocation meetings alternately.

Minutes of December 3 meeting were read and passed without correction.

Following communications were reviewed: Report by Yoshiaki Iwamura of Block 14 on publication of a literary magazine in the center in the Japanese language; memorandum on girl scout service by Mr. Anderson; Mr. R. P. Pederson's Plumbing Department, letter on boiler firemen addressed to Mr. Erdman, Engineer, referred to the Council; Instruction from Mr. Leland Barrows, Acting WRA Director, to all Project Directors, in attention of Chief, Relocation Division on notification of alien evacuee's change of address upon relocation to the United States Attorney's Office. Attention was called to the fact that importance of this matter should be thoroughly explained to residents.

The Council Food Committee reported on the Christmas dinner, mochi, and miso. Rotten egg plant, spoiled pork sausage, and pork meat having been fed to residents, thus, causing several hundred cases of diarrhea was reported by Block 23 councilman, Mr. Oka. Other councilmen concurred to the report. Messrs. Oka, Nagumo, Yonemura, Kimoto, and Saito were assigned to the investigation thereof.

The Labor Committee reported on handling the case of the Warehouse #17 crew who had been terminated as of November 29. The final decision of the Council Committee in agreement of action taken by Mr. Main in termination of five crew members.

Report was made on bus service for visitors arriving the gate at night. The Motor Pool is giving the service of taking visitors to respective residences at 11 PM and 2 AM, nightly.

It was announced by Mr. Masunaga that without a joint sanction of the Fire Department and Engineer Department no ice skating rink shall be allowed within blocks and around mess hall buildings.

Mr. Nakaki reported on difficulty in getting a permission from the Department of Justice and Alien Property Custodian for a release of the Japanese motion picture films.

To an inquiry on further reduction of manpower Mr. Matsushige, Council representative at the Manpower Conference, stated that no consultation nor any meeting had been held with respect to this matter and apportioning of manpower to each division and section. Mr. Ritchie's motion to pass a resolution that coordination between the Manpower Commission and the Administration be observed more adherently was decided to rest on the floor while the Labor Committee makes further investigation on the verity of such a reduction of employment.



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A proposal to request painting the conference room walls was passed.

Resignation was tendered by Mr. Paul Motoyoshi, Block 17 councilman. It was pointed out by Mr. Motoyoshi that it is extremely strenuous to accomplish duties as a councilman and at the same time fulfill the responsibility as an employee to the job assigned. The necessity of setting up a coordination board under the Community Council whereby councilman may be qualified for work assignment which will not hinder in any way the work as councilmen become more acute. Mr. Motoyoshi's resignation was accepted. Messrs. Nagumo and Tsunokai were assigned to the Election Committee for the election of a new councilman from Block 17.

Meeting was adjourned till 9:30 AM, Friday, December 10.

Agenda for next meeting: Relocation



HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Conference Room

December 10, 1943  
Friday  
10:00 AM--11:40 AM

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Absentees: Messrs. Yonemura, Kimoto, Oka, Nakashima, and Kumai.

Minutes of December 7 meeting were read and approved without correction.

Following Communications were reviewed:

To the Council from Mr. Guy Robertson, in appreciation of the Council's communication during his period of convalescence.

To the Council from Mr. J. K. Corbett, Acting Superintendent of Education, on school age children who need special instruction: Names and addresses of such children who need special instruction should be turned in to his office.

Following reports were made by councilmen:

Mr. Nagano on the Election Committee for the election of Block 17 councilman following resignation of Mr. Motoyoshi reported that reinstatement of Mr. Motoyoshi was requested by residents of Block 17. Since the term of office will have three-fourths expired on December 26, 1943, the Council unanimously reappointed Mr. Motoyoshi as councilman from that block as of same date as mentioned hereabove. Mr. Motoyoshi verbally retracted his resignation.

Mr. Nakaki of the Relocation Committee made a report on cash grant to relocatees. A sample copy of the application for relocation grant was submitted for the Council's reference.

Mr. Masunaga informed of emergency calls to be connected in case of fire danger and shortage of circuit. During the day time, Engineering Dept., #4, should be called while at night, Fire Department or Internal Security Office should be notified.

Today's discussion was directed mainly on health problems.

Mr. Yokoi proposed that such persons with venereal diseases, tuberculosis, and other contagious diseases should not be allowed to work in such projects where food is handled as the mess hall, commissary, etc. The Legal Committee was assigned to draft an ordinance with a provision of 30-day notice before termination of such persons who come under above categories. The Health and Sanitation Committee was asked to report on ambulance service system, function and duties of Dr. Irwin and Dr. Robins with respect to evacuee patients, function of public health nurse and nurse's aide. Also issuance of sick leave certificate be handled by the public health nurse was proposed and passed.

A provision under the Council of an arbitration committee was mentioned by Mr. Nakaki. The Legal Committee was referred to this matter.

Amendment of the criminal code, # 6 and 7 was moved, seconded and passed to provide that any persons present at the gambling place shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor. The Legal Committee to draft amendment.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Next meeting: December 14, Tuesday at 9:30 AM.



HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Conference Room

December 14, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:00 AM--12:00 PM

Present: Mr. Antonio Martin, Vice-Consul of Spain at San Francisco; Mr. Torrey of the State Department; Councilmen from Blocks 1, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, and an observer from Block 30.

Copy of memorandum regarding a number of articles permitted for the repatriates to take with them by the Department of State, Washington, August 21, 1943 was handed over by the Vice-Consul of Spain at San Francisco, Captain A. Martin, to the Council for its reference. Also a list of non-permissible articles and quantity limit was attached.

Mr. Martin conveyed requests of the Spanish Ambassador at Washington, D.C. to be transmitted him:

1. A list of names of applicants for repatriation who have requested through the War Relocation Authority but not through the Spanish representatives; date and place of application; members of family.
2. A list of names and addresses of persons who have died at Heart Mountain and also a list of names and addresses of relatives of such persons in Japan.
3. Approximate number of the Japanese Nationals in this Center.
4. Approximate number of applicants who have requested for repatriation in this Center.

Mr. Martin disclosed that conditions of an internment camp in North China are such that no wages, no clothing allowances are provided by the Japanese Government: only shelter, food, coal, and electricity are guaranteed the internees. However, the Japanese Government allowed the clothing allowances for internees to be sent from the U.S. through Red Cross. Mr. Martin informed that the Spanish Embassy had entered complaints several times in the past to the WRA on question of clothing allowances to everyone but the matter had never arrived at a definite conclusion. The Council requested Mr. Martin to convey its request for information on a feasibility of reciprocating for the Japanese Nationals in U.S. such a provision allowed the American Civilian internees in China and Japan as getting clothing allowances through Red Cross from the U.S. if it were true.

As to the petition of January 13 on equal treatment of the Japanese race as Germans and Italians and their descendants, Mr. Martin replied it is the question of American authorities to decide.

The Council requested a special attention on question of evacuee physicians and surgeons in connection with the civil service status. The Council asked him to report to the Embassy that there was no improvement in doctor's and nurse's situations. At present, the number of epidemic flu patients has reached a toll of between 2,000 and 3,000. Congestion of the center population without any access to freer movement was the cause of such a large figure.

Also the Council charged the water system as being detrimental to the health of residents. Cooking utensils and water pipes are constantly corroding, thus, contaminating food.

Overall situation remains the same as his last visit on August 13 and January 13 this year. While food is getting better, employment status is getting worse.



The Council requested that the Spanish Embassy expend effort in establishing a moratorium for evacuated Japanese whose obligations at present cannot be met due to confinement in a camp and without any means of income.

Having no other business to discuss, Mr. Nakaki reported that Mr. Todd would like to call a meeting with committees of Block Managers, Council, and Janitors on firing stoves in the latrines, laundry rooms, and recreation halls. It is a matter of distribution of time, he asserted, and not the distribution of personnel which hinders the operation.

Mr. Clarence Nishizu, who has recently returned from the New Mexico Detention Camp at Santa Fe, N.M. informed that regulations of the camp have become quite lenient. Application for hearing should be made to the U.S. Attorney. Internees are allowed \$3.00 monthly allowance.

Another visitor to the Council meeting was a Mr. Torrey of the Department of State, Washington, D.C. who has returned from North China via the Gripsholm on December 1. He had been at the Weihsien internment camp in the middle of Shantung Province, North China, near Tientsin. The camp has a population of 1,800 internees of 15 different Nationals. It had been a Presbyterian church for the Chinese. Average space per person was approximately 36 square feet. Average loss weight per person during the 6½ months was about 4-5 pounds. There were plenty of bread. Had to make their own bread and own work through coolies. No machinery. Allowed 3 trunks, a bedding roll, a bed, and 2 spit-cases. Had to supply practically everything they had brought in with them. No wages for 12 hour manual labor, no clothing allowances other than furnished by the U.S. Government through the Swiss representatives. Impossible to buy clothes at the canteen. Sanitation facilities were poor. There were 8 or 9 wells--hand pump--but none of them were farther than 100 feet away from the cesspools, so it had to be boiled to purify it. There were 3 kitchens with a small water tank. 12 hours steady pumping was required to fill the tanks. Milk was supplied from 10 cows and 2 goats. Hospital facilities were practically stripped of everything. Internees made it operative. Most of 30 doctors they had were missionary doctors. No x-ray. Allowed a few medical apparatus. Medicines had to be procured by themselves by each chipping in the Chinese 70-80 dollars which the Swiss representatives bought for them. Attitude of the Japanese authorities was fair on the whole. All businesses had been liquidated before internment. Meat was served 4-5 times a week enough to make a stew. No coffee, no liquor. Enough sugar to sweeten the tea.

Having no time for further question, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon. A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday at 9:30 AM. Regular meeting on Friday, December 12, at 9:30 AM.



HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

December 17, 1943  
Friday  
9:30 AM - 11:40 AM

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Attended: Mr. Setsu Tani, Laboratory Technician of the hospital.  
Absentees: Messrs. Yonemura, Block 17, Oka, Ritchie.  
Tardy: Mr. Masunaga.

Having reached no quorum at the Thursday meeting, December 16, it was called informal: hence, no minutes were taken.  
Both minutes of December 10 and 14 meetings were read and passed without correction.

Communication from the Poston Community Council were reviewed: Furnishing a list of members and committees of this Council and information on the set-up of a bakery establishment were requested.

After reviewing the minutes of December 14 wherein stated that the Spanish Embassy requests information as regards repatriation, the Council appointed the Welfare Committee to make lists and data as required.

Reports on food situation were made by the following councilmen:  
Mr. Okazaki informed that both tofu and bakery industries are not as yet ready for operation: a motor or a machine necessary for production has not been installed. Not even the plumbing system is installed. The Council Food Committee was referred for investigation of cause for delay. Mr. Oki reported on procurement of 'mochigome'. According to Mr. Main, Project Supply Officer, the Denver Quartermaster had the Taguchi Grocery promise the shipment of mochi-gome of 40 sacks for Heart Mountain although the date of delivery is unknown. It was reported that said Quartermaster had cancelled any shipment of mochi-gome to the Rohwer, Jerome, and Manzanar Relocation Centers while the Topaz Center was allotted only 25 sacks out of 50 ordered. At the Christmas dinner, chicken will be served instead of turkey.

The Health and Sanitation Committee reported on its findings regarding the hospital problems:

- a. Function of public health nurse and nurse's aides: The supervising nurse is not here now. There are 3 evacuee nurse's aides as assistant who can be reached at 9-2-D (Mrs. Kubo), 15-4-D (Mrs. Ide), and 28-20-A (Mrs. Nobori) by telephone. Public health nurse is not authorized to issue sick leave certificates. The regulation required the signature of medical officer for such.
- b. Ambulance service: There are 4 ambulances, one of which is beyond use. Average calls per month ambulances make are 1,500, most of which are in taxing hospital workers to and from work. Mr. Dearing, Hospital Administrator, requested immediate notification in case of delayed ambulance services. Daily calls range from 1 to 2 for emergency, 4 to 5 for clinic while 14 calls beside registered taxi service for workers in the hospital are unaccountable, investigation revealed.
- c. Blood tests for food workers: Checking will be extended to such mess halls whose personnel have not been covered in physical examinations, Mr. Dearing assured.

Inconnection with reports on hospital management, Mrs. Setsu Tani, laboratory technician of the hospital requested the Council's assistance in recruiting voluntary blood donors. The Army supplies this center with 6 pints of blood plasma per month which is to be used for severe burns only. She stated that it should be made a responsibility of a block to volunteer to donate blood. Types of blood and names of volunteers shall be filed at the hospital.



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whenever emergency arises which warrants blood transfusion, such persons whose blood type correspond with that of the victim or patient shall be called upon for donation of blood.

The blood donations will be restricted to the possible extend on a block basis. The Council gave assurance to cooperate with the hospital in this matter. A door-to-door campaign for recruit will be covered by councilmen and block managers. Miss Van Kirk or Mrs. Tani will be notified of each block's sentiment and reaction on the system.

A letter of the Council's acknowledgment of the effort rendered by Mr. L.T. Main, Project Supply Officer, on recent improvement of foodstuffs was drafted by Mr. Ori, the Council Food Committee, and approved by the Council.

An outline of relocation program was sketched by Mr. Sashihara as follows:

1. Industrialization of center
2. Removal of centers to various industrial centers
3. WRA field offices to find business opportunities as well as job hunting
4. Improvement of present relocation system
5. Group relocation

Meeting was adjourned till 9:30 AM, Tuesday, December 21.



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HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Conference Room

December 21, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:40 AM - 11:55 AM

Absentees: Messrs. Okazaki, Ritchie, Tardy: Mr. Motoyoshi.  
Mr. Bepp, observer from Block 2.

Minutes of December 17 meeting were read and passed with a correction.

Reports:

Food Committee: Mr. Oki reported on bakery and tofu factories. A Caucasian baker to be employed on a civil service rating has not been located as yet. Bakery will not start until his arrival. Tofu factory is expected to operate by the New Year's.

Food Investigation Committee: Mr. Nagumo reported on the result of food investigations. The Council Food Committee was asked to request supply of sugar and aji-no-moto to mess halls for sweetening shoyu.

Legal Committee: Mr. Tokimasa informed that amendment of the adopted criminal code is not possible: revision in a section should be made by an addition of supplementary clause as sub-section. In connection with the Section 6 of the Criminal Code of Heart Mountain, Mr. Tokimasa submitted to the Council a draft of provision of misdemeanor charge for any person found present at the place of gambling, copy of which is attached to the minutes. A discussion ensued this report. Mr. Nakaki charged that such a charge as misdemeanor for just being present at the gambling place might be considered an infringement of personal rights and that he would like to know why on the outside such a charge is not provided for such a case. Mr. Matsushige explained that he proposed to provide this act at the request of Mr. Matsui, Chief of Police, in order to discourage people from assembling in places of gambling. Further discussion of this matter was suspended pending return of Mr. McGowen, Project Attorney. The Council set the date of discussion for next Tuesday, December 28. Messrs. McGowen, Campbell, Doi, Matsui, and Anderson will be invited to the meeting on this problem. Mr. Nakashima's proposal of providing a section whereby any person deemed guilty of promoting gambling in any way shall be imposed with a penalty of imprisonment, was also suspended until next Tuesday. In the meanwhile, the Legal Committee was requested to study the power of the Judicial Commission as regards extent of punishment without consulting the Project Director at sentencing.

Memorandum from Mr. Carroll requesting councilmen to announce a motion picture showing by the Relocation Department was read.

Mr. Nagumo proposed to request assignment of Mr. Miyauchi, artist, to some division. Mr. Miyauchi's work of art has been met with public favor, and the continuation of landscaping on the walls of mess halls was desired. Council passed proposal.

A discussion took place on the Japanese cultures within the center. The Education-Recreation Committee was requested to report Administrative intentions by meeting with Messrs. Robertson, Corbett, and Kurtz on the matter.

Mr. Yokoi's proposal of sending some (tsukemono) to internment camps passed the Council. The Executive Committee to negotiate on its realization.

The Agricultural Committee was requested to inquire about part-time employment and wages of volunteers at harvesting crops last October. It was reported that these volunteers on part-time employment had not received their wages yet.



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The Council secretary read a memorandum concerning revisions on the proposed vehicle code for Heart Mountain. The code including recommended alterations was put to the Council's vote, and passed unanimously by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Next meeting: Friday, December 24, 1943.

An addition of sub-section to the Section 6  
stated as follows:

"Any person who is present within the premises,  
building, or structure where any game is conducted  
or played with cards, dice, or other devises for  
money, checks, credits, or any other thing of value  
shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor."

Community Council

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Legal Committee



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HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

December 24, 1943  
Friday  
9:30 AM--11:15 AM

Absentees: Messrs. Yonemura, Matsushige, Okazaki, and Ritchie.  
Tardy: Mr. Motoyoshi.

Minutes of December 21 were read and approved with a correction.

Communications were read. Mr. S. Ujifusa of Worland, Wyoming referred in his letter to Mr. Hachimonji of the Agricultural Department regarding renewal of his traveling permit. The Council will take up action on it.

Endorsement of the Heart Mountain Council's resolution on relocation conference by the Rohwer Community Council was informed by S. Tamaki, Chairman of the Council.

Also received was a letter from the following evacuee physicians and surgeons acknowledging receipt of the gift presented by residents through the Council:  
Drs. P. K. Ito, M.M. Kimura, K. Nakaki, F. Nakaya, P.M. Suski.

Mr. Lane, Manufacturing superintendent, informed Mr. Todd on tofu factory in his memorandum that because of a few factors the operation of the tofu shop cannot start for another week.

There are two ways by which 'tsukemono' can be sent to internment camps: either the internment camp puts in a requisition for it with this center, or, individuals desiring shipment of 'tsukemono' purchase it and send it through the Community Enterprises. Two barells can be arranged, according to the report. Rev. H. Kano, Executive Secretary for internees, will be notified to the above effect by the Council secretary.

According to Mr. Anderson, it was reported, the Administration was in concurrence of opinion that a coordination board should be set up whereby councilmen without any hindrances. Another letter on this request will be sent by the Project Director to the WRA headquarters.

Mr. Oka reported that the Agricultural Department is working on part-time record of individuals who volunteered to harvest crops last October and who did not have work orders.

Reporting the power of the Judicial Commission, Mr. Tokimasa referred to the Administrative Instruction No. 85, Paragraph V, Section C. At the hearing on legal technicality next Tuesday, the Council decided to request Mr. Anderson's presence.

The Health and Sanitation Committee reported delivery of the Christmas gift to evacuee physicians and surgeons at \$50 per person contributed by residents.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.  
Next meeting was set for Tuesday, December 28.



HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

December 28, 1943  
Tuesday  
9:30 AM - 11:45 AM

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Attended: Messrs. Anderson, Assistant Project Director; Campbell, Chief of Internal Security; "Rosie" Matsui, Chief of Police.  
Absentees: Messrs. Nakaki, Ritchie. Tardy: Messrs. Masunaga, Okazaki, Motoyoshi.

Minutes of December 24 meeting were read and approved without correction.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter of appreciation from Block 23 to the Community Activities.

Letter from the Granada Community Council endorsing the resolution of Heart Mountain Council of November 29 on relocation conference.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Robertson, Project Director, to Chairman, Community Council of the Colorado River Relocation Project on information re bakery establishment here.

The Council Food Committee was reminded to inquire supply of sugar to the mess halls for shoyu sweetening.

Letter of appreciation for information re evacuee doctors and resolution on relocation problem from the chairman of the community council at Jerome Relocation Center.

Messrs. Anderson, Campbell, and Matsui were present to give personal opinions concerning addition of a sub-section to the Section 6 of the enacted Criminal Code. Exact wording of the proposed sub-section was attached to the minutes of December 21.

The summary of Mr. Campbell's opinion was such that he is in favor of providing said sub-section in view of the fact that such a clause may give a strengthened police protection. However, he recommended a change of wording in said proposal wherein "the premises, building, or structure" should be written to read "a room" so as not to involve innocent residents of such an apartment where a raid should take place in one of its units. This sub-section, if amended and passed by the Council, will tend to discourage practice of gambling which otherwise will inevitably contribute to juvenile delinquencies. When asked as to filing a record of apprehension of 32 persons at the place of gambling in the last raid, he stated no records were kept as of those persons save 4 principles found guilty. The present enacted Criminal Code does not provide any charge or penalty for persons just being present at the place where gambling was conducted. This new provision, if adopted, will find any persons guilty of misdemeanor if found at the place of gambling when raid is made. Mr. Campbell replied to question by Mr. Kimoto who asked whether innocent persons should happen to enter such unit where gambling is conducted and should be found present when a raid is made is guilty of misdemeanor or not. Mr. Campbell added that anybody who frequent the place of gambling is guilty in intent as if he would be gambling.

Mr. Matsui's opinion concurred with that of Mr. Campbell's. Mr. Anderson stated if the Council does not adopt amendment as proposed, the Project Director may still choose to prosecute persons found present at the gambling place when raided. (as per Administrative Inst. No. 85, Section II, Parag. B.). In answer to Mr. Nakashima's proposal that an imposition of imprisonment be provided for persons found guilty of promoting gambling, Mr. Anderson referred to the Manual of Community Government (.4A) wherein stated:

".....the Judicial Commission, in any cases tried before it, permit a defendant to pay a fine of a fixed sum of money as an alternative to serving a fixed period of imprisonment."

Mr. Anderson read a letter from Director D.S. Myer to Mr. Guy Robertson, Project Director, commenting on the Criminal Code of this center which was enacted by the Council and approved by the Acting Project Director as being a very good job.



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Comment 1 states that the jurisdiction of the Project Director in the case of misdemeanors is wholly omitted in the first paragraph of the enacted clause of the Criminal Code, and suggests a substitution for the clause, "...except..." to the end of the sentence, as: "except as may otherwise be required by the Project Director pursuant to regulations of the War Relocation Authority." Regarding the second paragraph, the new manual section on community government takes away from the Community Council power to authorize suspension of pay or other WRA privileges. Also attention was called to the authority of the Judicial Commission on imposing a fine is limited to imposing a fine as an alternative to a fixed term of imprisonment, with the option of paying the fine or serving the term; a fine cannot be imposed without such an option being left to the defendant. Also there are a few typographical errors in paragraph number 16, 26, and 28. In conclusion of said letter, congratulations are extended to the Council.

A discussion took place after Messrs. Anderson, Campbell, Matsui had left. Arguments in pros and cons with respect to the adoption of said proposal as an additional provision of the Criminal Code were exchanged. Those in favor of said adoption had based their opinion from the moral standpoint and upon the unique and abnormal, communal life of the center while those in opposition contended from the viewpoint of jurisprudence. Motion was made by Mr. Matsushige seconded by Mr. Masunaga to request the Council Legal Committee to further study this problem, and passed by a vote of 14:5.

A proposal was made by Mr. Tokimasa that a Council committee investigate the origin of fire which brokeout at a recreation hall in Block 22 with the Fire Department. He further proposed that in the event the fire had been caused by the leakage of electricity, the Council committee warn the Fire Protection Officer that his statement made before the Council at the December 3 meeting was incorrect and was contrary to fact that "wiring system is not the main cause for fire hazards". The Housing Committee was referred to take charge of the matter following passage of proposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Next meeting: December 31, 1943



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HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

December 31, 1943

Friday

10:45 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.

Attended: Messrs. Erdman, LaViolette, Rumley, and Todd.

Absentees: Messrs. Saito and Sashihara.

Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura and Okazaki.

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Presence*

Minutes of December 28, 1943 were read and approved.

Mr. Glenn Rumley, Fire Protection Officer, spoke on the fire at Recreation Hall 22-25-N. He stated that the cause was improper electrical installation and elaborated with photos and electrical appliances. He also said that ash pits should be completely done away with because of innumerable cases where children have received severe burns.

Messrs. Todd, Erdman, and LaViolette were asked to attend the meeting to discuss ash disposal problem. Complaint was made that bunkers are not being emptied fast enough. To this Mr. LaViolette explained that trucks are not always in operating condition and that bunkers are usually frozen to the ground. Many suggestions were made but no definite, practical solution to the overflow of bunkers was reached.

With respect to a supplementary gambling section provision, Mr. Tokimasa reported no definite decision on the matter. Mr. Nakashima stressed on the effectiveness of discouraging residents' participation in gambling as well as their assembly in such places by providing a penalty of imprisonment in accordance with the relative extent of iniquity of offense.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Next meeting on January 4, 1944, at 9:30 A.M. in Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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