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The third permanent Community Council at Topaz was inducted on the evening of Friday, January 7, 1944.

The Council members were sworn in by the Honorable Will L. Hoyt, Judge of the Fifth District Circuit Court of Utah.

As part of the ceremony, a large American flag, which had been presented to the community auditorium, was dedicated.

A feature of the late afternoon was a tea party held in the Community Council Chamber honoring Mrs. Hoyt, wife of the Judge. This was participated by women members of the appointive staff and wives of appointive staff members, and resident women.

The induction ceremonies began with a banquet, which was held in the dining hall of Block 10, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Approximately 200 invited guests selected by the Community Council members attended the banquet, including resident and appointive personnel.

The program included brief talks by Saiki Muneno, retiring chairman of the Council; Dr. Ochikubo, temporary chairman of the new Council; Mitsuzo Uyeda, General Election Board chairman, and Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director.

Mr. Muneno's remarks are attached as Exhibit A.

The banquet featured roast beef, which was produced on the center farm. Entertainment numbers included vocal selections in Japanese, and Japanese classical dances. A copy of the program of the banquet is attached as Exhibit B, section 1.

Following the banquet, the guests transferred from the banquet hall to the civic auditorium where at 7:45 p.m., the flag dedication ceremony was staged. This was a most impressive occasion. The auditorium was filled almost to seating capacity, as the flag was unfurled on a dias in the center of the stage with the house darkened and a spot-light playing upon the colors.

A tableaux, "The Makers of the Flag", was presented showing the various types of American citizens. After this, Project Director Ernst spoke briefly dedicating the flag for service in Topaz.

The program for the flag dedication is attached as Exhibit C. The dedication remarks of Mr. Ernst is also attached as Exhibit D, and the continuity for the pageant is attached as Exhibit E.

The induction ceremony of the Council followed, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Members of the new Council and of the appointive staff were seated on the platform. The auditorium for this ceremony was filled to capacity. Mr. Tadashi Fujita presided as chairman for the induction ceremony and introduced Mr. Ernst, who in turn introduced Judge Hoyt.

Judge Hoyt spoke quite briefly on the theme of facing the problems of the present, and looking hopefully into the future. His remarks are attached as Exhibit F.

The entertainment program which followed included besides the presentation of several classical dances and songs in Japanese, two songs rendered by Mrs. Kimi Tanaka in English, "How Can I Leave Thee", and "Coming Through the Rye". Copy of the induction program is attached as Exhibit B, section 2.

A list of the members of the new Council, which is composed of 22 issei and 12 nisei is attached as Exhibit B, section 3.

The auditorium had been previously scheduled for presentation of a play, "The Carter Family", by members of the high school student body. It being impractical to postpone this play to another date, it was decided that it should be presented as a part of the evening's program at the auditorium, and following the induction ceremony, the play was staged with all of the spectators who had attended the earlier events invited to remain through the play, which most of them did.

Mr. Saiki Muneno's talk at Council induction banquet,
Block 10 Dining Hall, 6:00 p.m., Friday, January 7, 1944.

Mr. Toastmaster
Honored Guests
Fellow Residents of Topaz

It is a source of great pride to me to have been given the privilege to act as Chairman of the Community Council. I feel pretty humble this evening in speaking these few words. This probably will be the last time I shall be so honored.

There are many things I wish to speak to you about: the many problems of the Council, its thanklessness in particular. But time is of the essence this evening so I must confine myself to a few remarks.

First, I wish to express my deep appreciation to all the Councilmen who have worked with me. Special mention should be made of Mr. Mike Kudo who most capably assisted me as Vice-Chairman. Also I must extend my appreciation to the staff of the Community Government, Mr. Masuji Fujii as Office Manager; Miss Mitsuko Sakashita, Senior Secretary; and Miss Rhea Kawaguchi typist. Their untiring efforts have made the work of Chairman less difficult and at times enjoyable. To the various Chairmen of the standing Committees, thanks are due. Above all I take this occasion to thank the members of the Judiciary Commission, Arbitration Board, and Juvenile Board for their staunch support in upholding the Council. As you all know the Council would be in a pre-

carious position today were it not supported most wisely and judiciously by these groups and other resident Organizations, such as the Block Managers and Inter-Faith Council.

If I may, I wish to inject one observation as a parting message. Whether due to confinement in this unnatural environment or to our adopted lethargic attitude, I harbor a rather unpleasant opinion that we are gradually becoming narrow-minded. We are steadily taking a point of view in terms of first person singular. "I" is a lovely thing, but particularly in a Community of this type, everything should be in terms of "we". Instead of broadening our viewpoints ours are shrinking.

This is most unbecoming to our race. And to me this is a pathetic if now a tragic turn of affairs.

In conclusion I take this opportune time to commend the General Election Board who has worked so hard since the recent election to today. Among many other things it is through their efforts that we are honored by the presence of Judge Hoyt who will induct the Councilmen this evening.

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INDUCTION
OF
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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January 7, 1944

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Charles F. Ernst, Project Director

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Section -1-

Tea Party to be held in honour of Mrs. Will L. Hoyt
at Council Chamber 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

BANQUET PROGRAM

Toast Master Mr. Toby Ogawa
6:00 P.M. Dining Hall No. 10
1. Opening Address Toast Master
2. National Anthem Mrs. Kimi Tanaka
Accompanist Mrs. Haruno Ono
3. Grace Reverend Shigeo Shimada
4. Dinner
Introduction:
a. Project Director and Ass't. Directors
b. Guests from outside
c. Mr. Mitsuzo Uyeda -- General Election Board
d. Mr. Saiki Muneno -- Past Chairman of
Community Council
e. Dr. George Ochikubo -- Temporary Chairman of
Community Council
5. Entertainment:
a. Song Miss Yaeko Tsumura
Accompanist Miss Keiko Hasegawa
b. Dance Shishow S. Tachibana
6. Closing Address Toast Master
Adjourn to
Community Auditorium for Induction Ceremony

Section -2-

Dedication of Auditorium Flag by High School Students
at Community Auditorium 7:45 P.M.

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Chairmen Mr. Tadashi Fujita
8:00 P.M. Community Auditorium
1. Opening Address Chairmen
2. Invocation Reverend Joseph Tsukamoto
3. Introduction
Judge Will L. Hoyt Fifth District Circuit Court
By Mr. Charles F. Ernst
4. Induction By Judge Will L. Hoyt
5. Address Judge Will L. Hoyt
6. Benediction Bishop A. O. Gardner
7. Entertainment:
a. Dance Miss Mitsuko Abe
b. Dance Miss Setsuko Abe
c. Song Miss Yaeko Tsumura
Accompanist Miss Keiko Hasegawa
d. Dance Miss Kimi Abe
Miss Setsuko Abe
Miss Yoshie Saito
Miss Mitsuko Abe
f. Song Mrs. Kimi Tanaka
Accompanist Mrs. Haruno Ono
g. Dance Shishow S. Tachibana
8. Closing Address Chairmen

Section - 3 -

MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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| 1. Nakamura, Mataichi | 23. Ochikubo, George Dr. |
| 3. Honnami, Hikoroku | 26. Igarashi, Shigeki |
| 4. Hoshiga, Genichi | 27. Henda, Sadata |
| 5. Mumehara, Miyoji | 28. Kanzaki, Kichizo |
| 6. Matsushino, Roy | 29. Yamada, Hatsuto |
| 7. Iriki, Masanori Dr. | 30. Narahara, Masaru |
| 8. Hashiguchi, Tadashi | 31. Yano, Hachiro |
| 9. Konda, Harry | 33. Tawa, Masakazu |
| 10. Tsugawa, Hisaichi | 34. Kawaguchi, Sanjiro |
| 11. Matsumoto, Saburo | 35. Fujita, Seinosuke |
| 12. Nakejima, Kichiro | 36. Shimamoto, George |
| 13. Tsuzuki, Takashi | 37. Ichisaka, Vernon |
| 14. Hashimoto, Kinnosuke | 38. Suwada, Kuraichi |
| 16. Yamada, Shigeo | 39. Mizuguchi, Yukio |
| 19. Matsui, Frank | 40. Endow, Kan |
| 20. Akiyama, Ichiro | 41. Muramatsu, Somenosuke |
| 22. Takeuchi, Gihei | 42. Numajiri, Chojuro |

EXHIBIT 3

During the Flag Ceremony, Mr. Ernst made the following remarks:

One hundred and sixty-seven years ago, the Congress of the United States gave official sanction to the American flag as a symbol of unity, and of independence. From that day to this, we have had ample evidence that the America of each day as brought together from the thirteen colonies through independence and through unity has been forever growing, enfolding, developing toward its destiny.

Tonight on this occasion when we dedicate this flag of America to this community building, may we in our hearts know that the destiny of America is ahead and that we too, have a share in its unfolding.

In that spirit, I dedicate this flag and ourselves to this community building through which we may be of service to the United States of America.

Charles F. Ernst

Continuity for the pageant ceremony dedicating the American Flag to be placed in the new Civic Auditorium at Topaz.

THE MAKERS OF THE FLAG

Announcer

This morning as I passed into the Post Office, the flag dropped me a most cordial salutation and from its rippling folds I heard it say:

Flag: Good morning Mr. Flag maker.

Ann: I beg your pardon Old Glory. Aren't you mistaken? I am not the President of the United States nor a member of Congress, nor a General in the Army. I am only a government clerk.

Flag: I greet you again Mr. Flag maker. I know you well, pause a moment and I'll tell you why you are a maker of the flag.

No one group of people in this country has a monopoly on citizenship.

Let me take you back to the time when your forebearers arrived on the shores of these United States. They were brought across the ocean by some beckoning finger of hope, by some belief, by some vision of a new kind of justice, by some expectation of a new kind of life. They dreamed dreams of this country and brought the dreams with them. They enriched the country with their dreams. The British, German, French, Italian, the Greek, Russian, Finn and Slav, the Chinese, Japanese, Indian, and Jew poured into this great melting pot, all uniting to build

the Republic of man and the Kingdom of God. Oh, what is the glory of Rome and Jerusalem, where all nations and races come to worship and look back, compared with the glory of America where all races and nations come to labor and look forward. To be numbered in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people which shall not perish from the earth.

Announcer:

I agree with you. You might call them Flag makers, but I feel as though my part isn't as strong as the part they played.

Flag: Not so my friend. Your problems and responsibilities are as many and varied as theirs. Fit yourself into the picture in the picture, I shall show you.

Foremost among those who formed a back bone of our nations is the American farmer, sweating, toiling, and battling against, sun, wind, and rain in order that we might have the necessities of life.

You fathers, Mr. Nisei, have proved themselves as tillers of the soil. They have homesteaded land which other Americans have turned away from and have caused these acres to blossom into gardens.

In time of Crisis such as our nation is now going through and has gone through before, we pay our humble respects to our men in uniform. We salute those who left their bloody footprints in the snows at Valley Forge, and they who buried their dead on the plains at Gettysburg, and also they who fought

and died to preserve our American way of life during the troubled years of 1916 and 17.

And now again our fighting men are found wherever an enemy to our nation lurks. Their graves are scattered o'er the desert sand in Africa, neath the olive trees in Sicily and Italy and on the Islands throughout the Pacific. Your brothers, Mr. Nisei, are there.

Announcer:

But, Old Glory these men merely do what is expected of them.

Flag: The work that we do is making the Flag.

At the heart of our very existence, at the center of all we love, stands our American Mother. We cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of motherhood:

Tie the bleeding hearts of Mothers
That makes me sad today,
Watching boys they reared to Manhood
Bravely march away,
To the Islands of the Pacific
To the shores of Britain too,
To the jungles of Australia
Wherever there is a job to do
Patiently each Mother suffers;
Please dear God protect my boy
Bring him safely to my fireside
Fill this heavy heart with joy.

I sing the praise of the unknown teacher.

Great Generals win campaigns, but it's the unknown soldier who wins the war.

Famous educators plan new systems of pedagogy, but it's the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young. She keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on

the trenches of ignorance and folly. Patient in her daily duty she strives to conquer the evil powers which are the enemies of youth. She communicates her own joy in learning and shares with boys and girls the best treasures of her mind.

No one deserves better of the republic than the unknown teacher. The queen of herself and servant of mankind.

The miner goes courageously into the bowels of the earth to extract gold, silver, copper, coal, lead zinc, and many other minerals that America needs. Yet no figures can possibly dramatize the hazardous nature of their occupation as looking at the work-worn miner himself.

Standing high on the horizon of our American way of life stands in the mechanics building, repairing, and protecting our standard of living. He keeps the wheels of industry rolling; producing those things that assist in making us happier Americans.

The aged govern our thinking. We respect them. Their experience and hardships has taught them patience and long suffering. Eversince our nation was very young, the wisdom of the aged has guided her destinies, and they have been responsible for her success. Even though many younger men may feel that the aged are no longer needed in the making of the flag, I wish to acknowledge them as an important part of the bull-work of our Democracy.

Waiting set the threshold and ready to serve in whatever capacity expected of them is our American youth. The men

and women of tomorrow. A generation which we hope will make a better America.

Announcer:

I understand now how I, too, am a maker of the Flag.

Flag: "I am not the Flag, not at all. I am but its shadow.

"I am whatever you make me, nothing more.

"I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what people may become.

"I live a changing life, a life of moods and passions, of heartbreaks and tired muscles.

"Sometimes I am strong with pride when men do an honest work, fitting the rails together truly.

"Sometimes I droop, for then purpose has gone from me, and cynically I play the coward.

"Sometimes I am loud, garnish, and full of that ego that blasts judgment.

"But always, I am all that I hope to be, and have the courage to try for.

"I am song and fear, struggle and panic, and ennobling dream of the most daring.

"I am the Constitution and the courts, statutes and the statute makers, soldiers and dread naught, drayman and street sweep, cook, counselor, and clerk.

"I am the battle of yesterday, and the mistake of tomorrow.

"I am the mystery of the men who do without knowing why.

"I am the clutch of an idea, and the reasoned purpose of resolution.

"I am no more than what you believe me to be and I am all that you believe I can be.

"I am what you make me, nothing more.

"I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself, the pictured suggestion of that big thing which makes this nation. My stars and my stripes are your dreams and your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your hearts. For

you are the makers of the flag, and it is well that you glory
in the making."

Mr. Ernst introduced Judge Will L. Hoyt of Nephi, Utah, the principal speaker of the evening.

Judge Hoyt began by addressing the members of the audience and members of the Council, he said:

You have conferred a great honor upon me tonight by inviting me to be present to participate in inducting a new Community Council for the City of Topaz, which has been mentioned I believe, as the fifth largest city in Utah. Since I note by the program that the new Council is to be inducted and I was called upon to give a brief talk and make a few remarks, I'd better attend to business first; that is, administer the oath of office to the men who have been chosen to be your law making body for the Community of Topaz. I will ask members of the Community Council to arise and I will read the oath of office to you

OATH

I solemnly swear or affirm
That I will support, obey, and defend
The Constitution of the United States
And the Constitution of the State of Utah
And that I will abide by the regulations
Of the War Relocation Authority,
And that I will conscientiously and impartially
Perform the duties of Councilman of the
Community of Topaz
According to the best of my ability.

Gentlemen, I have the great pleasure in declaring that you are now officially inducted as the Community Council for Topaz.

As I have said, ladies and gentlemen, and school children of Topaz, I appreciate the honor of being present with you tonight. I have had a delightful afternoon in visiting

the community, and I have only one regret, I arrived a little too late to visit your boys and girls in your school classes.

(He spoke of his various visits around the Project.)

At the court at Fillmore, Utah, I happened to be the judge of the District Court having jurisdiction over Topaz, and may I congratulate you and your outgoing Council and the officials representing WRA and all of the residents of Topaz in the fine record in my court that you have. As I recall, only three of your residents have had to appear in court for criminal offenses in the time the center has been established.

I congratulate this community for having the number of residents that you do have here, which is almost as many residents as the rest of Millard County, and having to live together in over-crowded quarters, without any law violations or disturbances of the peace.

I charge this incoming Council to emulate the examples of the outgoing Council, maintain good feeling among the residents of this Community. We realize somewhat on the outside the difficulties that you confront, that you have been transplanted from your homes which you have cherished and loved. I beg of you tonight, to make the best of the situation.

Soon we will see a better future, and so I beg of you to realize that this is not a kind of situation which will last indefinitely, and that trying as it may be at the present time, go forward bravely and courageously, making the best of it and doing what you can for the future happiness of these young

people, and of others who depend upon you for leadership, setting an example by abiding by the law, and appreciating the "flag of Democracy."

With all of the injustice that develops from new and unexpected situations there results a system that is worthy of a sacrifice much greater than any of us have been called upon to make, and so tonight, I will call upon each and everyone, teachers, you leaders, and directors in the community, that you give to these present circumstances your utmost of wisdom and patience and loyalty and determination to contribute your part for the future welfare of the on-coming generation.

The present situation, we hope sincerely, will end and we will be able to go about with our daily work.

I should like to refer in closing to a paragraph that I copied from a school book that may be used in schools today:

"Men seek after liberty, and find it only in being well governed. The highest liberty therefore, is in the best government. The people of the United States, in establishing the Constitution, expressed their desire to secure themselves and the blessings of liberty we are now enjoying. Whether these will be enjoyed by our posterity will depend largely on what shall be done by the rising generations in dealings with free men, in a very few years."

How important a course of instruction is, to impress the benefits of citizenship. How important it is to call upon each to teach democracy, love of liberty, love of justice, under our equal law. That is the foundation of our constitution, and our

system of government. The right of self-government can be formed if exercised independently. The order of free government must not be defeated so that people become their own operators. And they must know how to exercise the right of citizenship.

I am closing with a quotation which I think will impress a thought cherished by everyone during the course of world conflict. We realize that there can be no permanent peace in the world until nations are willing to cooperate together. "Appreciated by all of mankind, and underneath the nations humanity is wound. Underneath the creed, the love of God is one. Why then are we apart?"

I thank you for the privilege of being with you tonight. I trust that this Community Council, which is your legislative body, will report to the WRA that it shall impartially and faithfully administer the duties of its office and shall faithfully and impartially represent your community in Topaz.