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The weekly meeting of the Temporary Community Council was called to order by Chairman Dr. Furuta at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. K. Nobusada of Farm Management was called on to give some aspects of a dehydration plant. He explained in detail the procedure of processing vegetables with plans of a dehydration plant. After a lengthy discussion, it was the opinion of the Council that such a plant would be desirable if man power were available. However, the information furnished in the letter from J. M. Julian Co. was insufficient for the Council to decide on rejecting or accepting their offer that it was decided to request for further detailed information.

The investigative committee on the "K" Case (Kawahara) was called upon for their report. This was referred to Mr. Gaba as he was the person consulted by the committee. He had not received an official report from Mr. Landward of the Welfare Department so the matter was held up until such was received. In this connection, Mr. T. Nakamura brought up the question of what would constitute need in relief cases. Mr. Gaba took the responsibility of getting this information.

The report on the initial meeting of the Constitutional Commission was given by Dr. Furuta, announcing that Mr. J. Omachi was elected chairman and Mr. K. Utsunomiya, vice chairman of the Commission. The commissioners appointed by the Project Director from Unit I were K. Nobusada, J. Omachi, T. Yahanda, Frank C. Sasaki and H. Hatayama. He added that it was the request of the Project Director that the Temporary Council take all responsibility of current problems until the permanent Council is established.

The problems of the various blocks were next brought up, discussed, and the following decisions made:

- a. Lack of Cooperation from the Medical Staff (by T. Nakamura)
Dr. Furuta took the responsibility of conferring with the medical staff.
- b. Inadequate Number of Doctors on Night Duty (by T. Nakamura)
Mr. K. Iwanaga was appointed by the chairman to form the resolution (doctors' staff at night to be balanced in proportion to the population of the community) for submittance to the Administration. This was later decided to be written in a memorandum form.
- c. Boulevard Lights (by T. Tada)
It was decided that a memorandum be sent to the Administration to hasten the completion of the boulevard lights for the safety of the entire community.

- d. Housing (by F. Iwanaga)
Dr. Muruta took the responsibility of conferring with the Administration in regards to the unequal distribution of inhabitants in each apartment.
- e. Uniform Ringing of Dinner Gongs for Fire (by G. Maeda)
This matter was settled by the information that the Fire Department was already contemplating on installing fire alarms throughout the community.
- f. Script for Necessities (by G. Maeda)
It was decided that a memorandum be sent to the Administration suggesting that the script be usable not only for clothing but for necessities, such as, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.
- g. Use of Fire Extinguishers Unknown (by T. Fujimoto)
Mr. Matsumura was asked to check whether all block managers had carried out instructions of explaining the use of it at their block meetings as the majority did not seem to know.
- h. Control of Mobs and Gangs (by G. Maeda)
The matter was dropped until Mr. Fredericks was contacted for official information regarding the penalty for guilty members of mobs and gangs.
- i. Clothing Script Effective September 1--why not before.
It was decided that letters be written to other relocation centers to verify the fact that others were effective earlier. Mr. Gaba took this responsibility.
- j. Establishment of \$12, \$16 and \$19 Wages
Mr. Gaba took the responsibility of getting the information as to the establishment of the set wages and when our first pay checks for August were due.
- k. Community Enterprise
As no exact information was to be had on advisors, functions, etc., it was decided to have a committee confer with Mr. Shelley for all information. Messrs. Nakamura, Ajari, and Okamoto were appointed to be on the committee.

Next in order was the Farm Labor Problem. After all phases were carefully considered, it was the opinion of the Council that cotton picking be discontinued entirely. However, it was decided that a committee be formed to consult the Administration before the decision was made. Messrs. Iwanaga, Nagamatsu and Sagawa were appointed to be on the committee. This was later decided to be presented written in a memorandum form.

The request for a weekly admittance permit to the Project by Rev. and Mrs. Still to form a new religious group was discussed. It was decided to make the decision after a personal contact was made with the Reverend by Mr. Gaba and Mr. Tada of Community Activity Service.

The weekly meeting of the Council was decided to be held hereafter on Tuesdays, at 2 p.m. in the Council's office.

As there were no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eiroko Baba
Secretary

October 20, 1942

The regular meeting of the Temporary Community Council was called to order by Chairman Dr. Furuta at 2:15 p.m.

The committee on the Project Education System was called on for their report. Y. Hiraoka reported that Mr. L. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools, was to apprise us of the Educational System but as he was not present as expected, the matter was dropped until the next meeting.

Tom Nakamura reported on the contemplated openings of the various shops under Community Enterprises. Shoe shop opening on October 21; clothing shop about the middle of next week; shoe repair shop to be located at 16-12-D and to open around next week; barber shop in about two weeks; and beauty shop, jewelery shop, etc. to be opened as soon as the Community Enterprises are in a position to undertake the other departments.

Dr. Furuta informed that certain sanitary regulations are already set up and being enforced through the Internal Security Department. Private barbers have been informed of sanitary standard which they must follow. Mimeographed sanitary regulations for block residents have been issued to managers for posting.

The matter of shoe repairs being included in the clothing script was brought up. It was said that according to Mr. Fryer, the so-called government clothing script will include shoe repairs.

The method of operation of the general store was discussed at large by the group followed by Hideo Ajari's report on the Educational Program on "Cooperatives" recommended by Mr. Shelly. It was decided that each council member submit a name of a suitable candidate for the Enterprise Board; either three or five to be selected.

Dr. Furuta brought up the matter of chiropractors, osteopaths, etc., doing private business within the community. After due discussion it was decided by the Council to make a recommendation to the Administration that chiropractors, etc., be incorporated into the Community Enterprises, subject to the regulations set forth by the Chief Medical Officer.

As the result of the investigation on age restriction of Mess Hall workers, Karl Iwanaga reported that Mr. E. Yamada, Senior Steward, seemed to be having no difficulties or complaints that the matter was dismissed by the Council.

The petition, requesting the Administration to elevate the wages of the cooks to professional rating, brought in by Mr. Yamada, Senior Steward, for consideration by the Council

was brought up. However, it was decided by the Council that the matter was not the problem of the Council and it was to be delivered to the Administration unofficially.

The Chairman read the memorandum from Mr. Fryer in answer to the matters consulted them, which were as follows:

- 1) Accompaniment of Immediate Family with the Deceased to the Crematory or Burial Ground.
It is not the Administrative policy that prevents this travel but the orders of the Commanding General in San Francisco, prohibiting travel in Military Area 1. Mr. Fryer would refer this matter to the appropriate military authorities for reconsideration of their present orders.

- 2) Accompaniment of Parent or Near Relative with Patient in Case of Off-Project Hospitalization.
The above mentioned rule prevents this travel also. This would also be referred to the proper military authorities.

A memorandum from Mr. Fryer, confirming the verbal answers made previously, and reported by the Chairman at our previous meeting was also read. The only additions to be made were that the Project Director desired the Council to take action on the J. M. Julian Company's proposals on the dehydration plant; also, that new transformers were installed and all street lights should be in operation around the 25th of October.

Y. Hiraoka was called on for his report on the Project newspaper. As Ken Tashiro, editor of the paper, was not present as expected, Y. Hiraoka reported on his interview with him and stated the plans of the editor on reorganization.

Mr. Gaba reported that the paychecks had arrived and were probably being distributed already. As to the information on the present set wages, he stated that it was Congressional opinion that evacuees should not get more than privates and was so set. Y. Hiraoka further explained that Mr. Fryer had termed it as "cash advances" and not "wages" and elaborated on the point. It was decided that an official statement be issued by the Project Director on the same in the newspapers to inform the community, especially the older generation.

As to the report on prevention of mobs and gangs, G. Maeda read the memorandum received from Mr. Frederick of Internal Security, which explained the duties of the Department but gave little assistance as to the prevention of such. It was the general opinion of the Council that the wardens' duties, as stated in the memorandum, should be carried out more effectively.

Mr. Gaba reported that the incident of the M.P. within the community was now in the hands of the Internal Security.

T. Tada was called on for his interview with Rev. Still but it was reported that Rev. Still was in the East and no contact was made.

The request for admittance permit by two religious workers was brought up by Mr. Gaba. After much discussion, a motion was made and carried that a committee be formed to weigh the applications of all religious workers seeking entrance regularly into the Project and then set before the Council for decision. T. Tada, S. Furuta and A. Matsuura were appointed by the Chairman to serve on the committee.

Compensation for religious workers was brought up by Dr. Furuta. Mr. Gaba stated that it was a W.R.A. policy not to include reverends, pastors, etc., on the payroll. Suggestions were made that they seek work suitable to them in order to get the compensation.

A Matsuura brought before the Council the request made by (Rev.) Still Jr. to bring in a group of twenty high school students into the Project for a Sunday. After much discussion, a motion was made and carried that admittance be denied.

Dr. Furuta announced the request made by Tom Ishii to hold a benefit show for the purpose of getting equipment for the community orchestra. A motion was made and carried that such shall be allowed. Also, it was decided that the orchestra shall be under the supervision of the C.A.S.

Dr. Furuta brought up the matter of all medical needs, First Aid items, being supplied by the Hospital while such were being sold unnecessarily at the general store. After some discussion, a motion was made and carried that black managers be supplied with adequate First Aid equipment rather than be supplied individually at the Hospital.

Mr. Gaba announced that Mr. E. Nichols, Superintendent of Grounds, had stated the desire that the Council back them strongly in beautifying the Project as the lawn seeds, flower seeds and trees had arrived.

As the installation of fire alarms and telephones seemed indefinite, it was suggested by K. Matsumura that a uniform signal of dinner gongs be established for fire. However, it was the opinion of the Council that such matters were under the authorization of the Fire Chief and the matter was dropped.

The report on the Constitutional Commission was given by Dr. Furuta.

Sanitation problems brought up by Geo Nagamatsu were as follows: 1) Disposal of waste water after washing garbage cans; 2) Waste water stink underneath the kitchen; 3) Sterilization of utensils. Information was given by Dr. Furuta in their respective order that in the near future the garbage cans will be dumped on the hog farm, put through a steam sterilizer and returned, using two sets of cans; linoleum is being laid in the kitchens that it will stop them from dumping water on the floor; chemicals now being used in the luke warm rinsing water kills all bacteria that the utensils are not contaminated.

The question as to the suspension of distribution of work clothing was brought up by Taira Fujimoto. Mr. Gaba informed that there was no uniform plan for distribution and unfairness prevailing that it was suspended until such plans were formed.

The discrepancy in the financial report of Community Enterprises was brought up by K. Matsumura. The committee on Community Enterprises was to take up the matter with the bookkeeper.

As there were no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

Hiroko Baba
Secretary

Present: Mr. Gaba and all sixteen Councilmen.

Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: January 6, 1943
Time: 1:10 p.m.
Place: 42-3-D

Meeting was called to order by Erie Kawai, Chairman. Roll was called and the following were absent: Kinu Fujinaga, Joe Higuchi, Tom Kurihara, Akira Kaizoji, Thomas Mizuno, Earl Yusa, and H. K. Minami. James Wakiji was present as alternate for Yasukichi Akira.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Shelly, Sup't. of Community Enterprises, in reply to the Council's request for the adjustment of prices of commodities sold by Community Enterprises. (See Memorandum of January 4, 1943).

Masato Kato, Chairman of the Cooperative Committee, stated that plans for the Cooperative are being made rapidly. The names and qualifications of his committee members were read.

Mr. Ishizu, Chairman of the City Planning Committee, reported that there is a definite need for electric light outlets on the south side of the latrines in each block, as some sections of the community do not have sufficient light. The following resolution was adopted by the Council for recommendation to the Project Director:

"We, the Temporary Community Council of Butte Community, go on record to request the Project Director to use all facilities possible to install lights on the south side of the two latrines in each block now occupied, as a measure of public safety."

On a question raised concerning the necessity of planting shade trees, the Council adopted the following resolution:

"That the Council go on record to request the Project Director to use all his power to provide the Center with shade trees and recommend that this matter be given early attention inasmuch as we are nearing the end of the dormant season of deciduous trees, and the nursery is now able to take care of large quantities of said trees."

Tom Koyama, Chairman of the Committee on Religion, asked if it would be possible to give authority to admit outside persons or organizations for the purpose of conducting religious services, to the heads of the various denominations. Mr. Hoffman stated

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that at the present time, the administration is acting for the Community Council until a policy is established. The following resolution was adopted by the Council for recommendation to the Project Director:

"That the Council go on record to authorize the granting of permits to religious groups or individuals for the purpose of conducting religious services, within the Center, to the heads of the various denominations."

The next report was given by Duke Kusaba, Chairman of the Health and Sanitation Committee. On the control of pets on the project, Dr. Furuta has been asked to study this matter and submit a set of rules for the Council's approval. In talking with Dr. Sleath regarding the isolation of persons with contagious diseases such as tuberculosis, it was brought out that at the present time, separate quarters will not be provided for such cases. Suspicious cases of t.b. can be given tests at the hospital. Mr. Kusaba requested that food handlers be given Wasserman and tuberculin tests for the protection of the community. No action was taken on this matter.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Henderson, recommending that one barrack in Block 42 be set aside for the use of the Community Council and the Block Council, with office space at both ends and a meeting hall in the center. It was moved and seconded that this plan be heartily accepted, and the following motion was passed:

"That the Community Council accept the recommendation of Mr. Henderson to have a meeting room and office facilities for the Temporary Community Council."

The Chairman read a letter from the Arizona United War Fund, requesting aid from the community. Mr. Hoffman stated that this is a matter of policy in connection with the donation drive. He said it might be handled through the Ex-Servicemens' Club or the J.A.C.L., and might be a very good way to get publicity. Inasmuch as the Finance Committee is making a further study into the matter of donations from the community, it was decided to leave this matter up to the administration.

Bill Nishino brought up the question of the elimination of workers under 30 years of age, which has caused dissension among workers. The Council then passed a resolution as follows:

"That the Council go on record and direct a memorandum to the Project Director stating that the memorandum issued by the Acting Chief Project Steward, dated December 30, 1942, asking for voluntary termination of all workers under thirty years of age implies that these workers will be terminated to increase employment in the Net Project. The Council as a body feels that this is in direct violation of their

pledge to the people and that it will hinder rather than help in the process of recruitment of net project workers. Therefore, it is the wish of the Temporary Community Council that the Project Director have the above mentioned memorandum retracted and issue another memorandum putting the recruitment of net project workers on a strictly voluntary basis."

A Report on the Findings of the Licensing Committee by Mr. Fujimoto, was read by the Chairman, after which it was circulated among the Council members. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted by the Council.

Takeshi Sakurai asked if ~~more~~ steps could be taken to prevent private parties from coming into the Center to sell various items such as coolers. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted by the Council for recommendation to the Project Director:

"That the Council go on record opposing the granting of permits to any groups or individuals to offer for sale, any merchandise directly to the people of this Center except through regular channels."

Mr. Ishizu asked what progress was being made on the establishment of poultry farms, dairy farms, etc. Mr. Hoffman stated that approval is being withheld by the War Production Board pending the obtaining of materials.

The Executive Secretary was asked to find out when the Constitution will be returned to the Council.

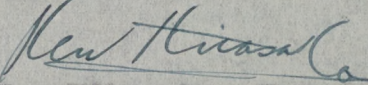
As to the progress of the Camouflage Net Project, Ken Kitasako reported that the Camouflage Committee submitted the pay plan at the last meeting and on Dec. 31, the new pay plan plus the plan for the warehousemen's pay was signed.

Mr. Fujimoto asked if progress is being made to provide playground facilities for young children. Mr. Hoffman replied that the Block Managers are being asked to cooperate with the C.A.S. to provide a small area in each block for this purpose. Mr. Kato reported that Block 34 already has such a program.

Mr. Fujimoto reported that due to the efforts of the Cooperative Committee, the following services will be available to residents of this center: barber and beauty shop, shoe repairing, and dry cleaning.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ken Kitasako, Exec. Secretary
Temporary Community Council

Mr. Kono *File*
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Temporary Community Council, Canal

Date: January 12, 1943 (Tuesday)
Time: 2:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Place: Council Room, 16-10-D, Canal

The meeting of the Temporary Community Council of Canal Community was called to order by Mats Ando, unanimously elected by the members to be chairman of the Temporary Council.

The introduction of three new representatives to the Council was made by the Chairman: George Yokoyama, Block 23; Megumi Narimatsu, Block 21; and George Ichimoto, Block 4.

Community Enterprises - Non-Profit Cooperative:

Mr. James Shelly of the Community Enterprises stated that the men serving on the Community Enterprise Advisory Board, namely Mr. Sasaki, have been in frequent contact with him. Messrs. Kono and Nobusada were on the business end of the Board, while Messrs. Ohmayer, Takeda, and Sasaki were on the education side. However, present state of affairs reveals the fact that three of the members have dropped out, leaving Mr. Kono with one group and Mr. Sasaki with the other. Right now, Mr. Shelly continued, we are faced with the educational problem, that is, of informing the community as to the functions and the problems of the proposed non-profit cooperative.

Mr. Sasaki reported on the meeting which the Butte and Canal Coop Committees held jointly. After some discussion, the Canal Council decided to follow the procedure as set up by the Butte Committee, to have each block in Canal be represented by a delegate to meet with the Enterprise Advisory Board and to be empowered to propagandize the people about the Cooperative. It had been decided at this joint meeting to have a unit Coop, because, it was stated, the wholesalers may not give us credit.

It is understood that for the time being those serving on committees would be voluntary workers. There was some question on whether or not the Coop would fail if volunteers were administering detail works, inasmuch as establishments have been known to "go on the rocks" due to these volunteer workers walking out on their tasks in the midst of harrassing problems. Mr. Gaba stated that that would depend on the nature of the work; and that later on, those doing work in the executive capacity would be paid out of the profits of the Community Enterprise, Mr. Shelly excluded.

Licensing of Entrepreneurs:

Messrs. J. L. Shelly and L. T. Hoffman, members of the Licensing Committee, elaborated on what they were performing in the matter of licensing independent enterprises. Mr. Hoffman explained that private practices were not to be encouraged, should not be allowed, but that the Administration has recognized them until such time as the Community Enterprise was in a position to take over those set-ups with services to sell. With reference to the administration policy from the W.R.A. solicitors here and in Washington, D.C., it has been reported that it

is not necessary for private establishments or practicing people to have state licenses. However, it would be to the advantage of those people who have taken the examination to maintain and keep current that license.

Two points have thus far been set up by the Licensing Committee:

- 1) Where state license is required, on the outside, to practice a certain line, that license will also be required in this community;
- 2) Recognize those people who are trained and able to render service to the community, but who do not have licenses.

To take care of the above points, Mr. Hoffman suggested that the Council follow Butte's example of establishing a licensing committee to settle requirements for practicing, outlining the requirements for each type of business. This committee would be composed of evacuees who are well versed in those certain professions, and would operate more or less like the State Board of Directors. They would set up the standards under which they will judge applicants. The Council will then check over these standards with the State License requirements and see that they are within comparative reasons. The committee will have power to pass upon the unlicensed individual the determination of whether or not he would be qualified to practice. All qualified persons wishing to obtain license will have to register through the Employment Office. Qualified persons may be referred by the Employment Officer as prospects. The Board of Directors will then pass over these persons to determine their capability in their respective line of business.

Mr. Shelly suggested that if need should arise for any particular service, the Council pass a resolution for the setting up of such a service. The Community Enterprise would then attempt to get the necessary space for the establishment from the Housing Department. The W.R.A. will not, however, permit any individual to carry on private enterprises for remuneration on the Project; they either operate for the Enterprise or not at all.

Chairman Ando appointed two members from the Council to sit in with the Butte Licensing Committee and gather all information that would be helpful along this line: Megumi Narimatsu-Chairman, and George Ichimoto, with Mr. Shelly as advisor.

State Benefits and Obligations:

Mr. Gaba read the memorandum from Mr. J. H. Terry, Project Attorney, which was in answer to the Council's inquiry on State laws, regulations, and benefits. Mr. Terry pointed out that the Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government are not employers within the meaning of the Arizona employer-employee relationship. Thus, the semi-monthly wage provision does not apply to project employees.

The Temporary Community Enterprises operated by the WRA and having no legal entity is not required to pay sales tax. However, inasmuch as other and more legal difficulties would arise in advancing the argument of whether to pay taxes or not, the Council thought it advisable to pay sales tax and make no further comment on the matter.

The matter of federal income taxes is still indefinite.

Constitution:

Mr. Gaba informed the Council that the report on the Constitution from Mr. Terry, Project Attorney, would be submitted to the Council either this week or the next.

Coolers:

No provision has been made for coolers at this Project as yet. But according to Mr. Seiki, the relocation center at Poston, Arizona, is getting theirs. Mr. Gaba said he would look into this matter.

Athletics vs. Churches:

Mr. Ichimoto was asked whether it wouldn't be at all possible to discourage basketball games on Sunday mornings. Both the Christian and Buddhist Churches have protested against this activity because of the decrease in church attendance. Mr. Ichimoto told the Council that most of the games being played at this time were not supervised by the Athletic Department. However, games played on Sunday mornings and falling under his supervision cannot be played off at other times due to players' inconvenience and lack of time. Sunday Schools have been taken into consideration at the time the tournament schedule was made. Mr. Ichimoto stated that, in the future, there would be less such occurrences, though he wouldn't be able to make definite promises.

Dust and Hot Water:

Mr. Matsumura asked if something couldn't be done about lessening the dust situation in this camp. Mr. Aoyagi explained that the Fire Department had been requested to water the grounds on several previous occasions, but that they couldn't cover the entire camp grounds; the job of the Fire Department is to fight fire and not water grounds.

Mr. Gaba stated that two water trucks, for Butte and Canal respectively, had been requested of the War Production Board. Canal has already received its truck, said Mr. Murakami, and has been converted into an oil truck.

Mr. Seiki brought up the matter of lack of hot water in the mess halls, due to the fact that gas pipes have not been released by the Army. It was suggested to make recommendations to Mr. L.J. Korn, Assistant Project Director of Canal, to alleviate the two problems: 1) lessening the dust situation; 2) lack of hot water for mess hall use.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Kawamoto
Acting Secretary

PRESENT: Messrs. L.T. Hoffman,
J.L. Shelly, M.J. Gaba, Kono, Sasaki, Tsuruda and 10 Councilmen
ABSENT: Messrs. J. Kubota and B. Wada

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MEETING OF THE TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: January 13, 1943

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: 42-3-D

Meeting was called to order by Ken Kitasako, Acting Chairman. Erie Kawai was unable to attend due to illness. The roll call and minutes were dispensed with due to limited time and the amount of business on hand.

The Chairman immediately turned over the meeting to Mr. Terry, Project Attorney as he had very little time to spare. Mr. Terry stated that he wanted to discuss two topics, mainly: (1) Constitution and Self Government program, (2) Camouflage Net Factory. He stated that the Council members must realize that theirs is the most responsible and significant representative body of the nearly fifteen thousand people who live in this community. "Any failures would jeopardize the entire group of people who live here. Prejudice, ignorance and tolerance must be overcome by the evacuees. The community council should reflect the best interests of the community and also represent true leadership of the community.

He further stated that private enterprise was established for the benefit of the community and the response and lack of interest in the net factory was discouraging. The trust fund was originally intended to be established for the benefit of the community so that residents would benefit to the greatest possible degree."

Mr. Terry complimented the Constitution Committee upon the very interesting constitution submitted. He commented on the fact that the constitution as submitted was very well done, but that on the other hand, there were several points which were not acceptable to the War Relocation Authority and therefore, slight modifications were necessary. Mr. Terry, however, was concerned that so far, the Constitution Committee and also the Temporary Council were not aggressive enough in their work. This, he attributed to the fact that self government in this center has not progressed to the point that it should. He stated that he would like to have criticisms and comments instead of their just being passive. Then he read a portion of a letter from Washington relative to the subject of "community government." This letter was dated January 8, 1943.

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The question was asked if there was a possibility of a change in the administrative instructions on the basis of the citizenship qualification. Mr. Terry stated that the self government problem was receiving serious and immediate consideration in Washington, not only for this center but for every relocation center. Mr. Hoffman added that the requests for comments came from Washington.

A question was raised as to the status of the Temporary Council.. Mr. Terry stated that the temporary Council was elected to handle essential matters of community interests and any responsibilities which could be handled by such temporary body, until a permanent self government were established. A councilman stated that the first generation residents were the active, aggressive and politically interested ones in this community. Mr. Terry stated that it was a shame for the nisei to let this go on.

Mr. Terry pointed out that "if this attempt at private industry failed at Gila, chances are no others will be allowed to open in the future. In respect to the nisei being too young as yet, Mr. Terry stated that many young men in American life, in politics and every line of work are dominating their communities. Mr. Terry ended by quoting: "It is what is in the man that makes for leadership."

Camouflage Net Factory. According to Administrative Instructions, the trust fund is a fund into which is paid the amount stipulated under the pay plan. The Project Director would appoint certain trustees (3) adopting a form of trust submitted by Washington and although the Community Council was to be consulted as to the appointments, they had no actual voice in deciding who should be appointed or where the fund should be distributed. However, Mr. Terry submitted a redraft of the trust to the community council which he read briefly. Copies of the "Declaration of the Trust" were left with the Chairman. One point stressed in the declaration was the problems arising with those entitled to unemployment compensation but it was decided that the payrolls would be the final determining factor in working out the distribution of the trust fund. The following resolution was passed by the council:

"That the draft of the Declaration of Trust be turned over to the Finance Committee for review and later recommendation."

The Chairman read answers to resolutions presented to Mr. Bennett from the last meeting. The Project Director is giving every attention to the matter of shade trees and they will be procured at the earliest possible opportunity. The matter of the light outlets outside of the latrines (south side) is said to be taken up with Mr. Brown, Deputy Director.

Masato Kato, Chairman of the Cooperative Committee reported that mimeographed reports were distributed by him which were self explanatory. He further stated that two representatives were being sent from Canal to meet regularly with him.

Duke Kusaba, Chairman of the Health & Sanitation Committee, asked for the recognition of the community hospital by the A.M.A. Mr. Hoffman stated that in order to have the hospital properly accredited, it must have the proper equipment in use. Dr. H. H. Sleath is probably now working on this. The following resolution was adopted:

✓ "That the Project Director do all in his power to facilitate the standard recognition of the community hospital and also the public schools in order that proper student credit may be obtained.

On a question raised in regard to tests given for those personnel employed where they may endanger the health of the community, it was suggested that a statement of policy be made for the protection of the members of the community. The following resolution was adopted by the council:

"That the medical department insofar as possible, complete a physical and medical check-up of all personnel employed where they might endanger the health of the community."

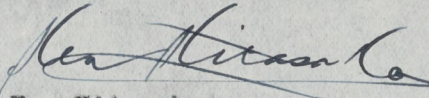
The problem of theft was brought up by the Chairman. He pointed out the serious nature of a recent theft perpetrated, by some young boys when they broke into the tool shed at the Fox Butte and stole some very valuable and irreplaceable mechanic's tools. During this discussion, Mr. Hoffman stated that a committee composed of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Sawyer; Chief of Internal Security, Mr. Williamson; Counselor, Mr. Tuttle and himself is working to make recommendations to the Project Director. It was the consensus of opinion that a very drastic measure is necessary to cope with the problem. A project jail and curfew for children were suggested as some of the means to cope with the problem. It was mentioned also that the CAS was working on a community recreation program.

There was a suggestion made that there be advisers to confer with the councilmen in order that the two groups can work together and thus contribute to a better community harmony. It was suggested they be put on a paid basis.

The subject of compensation for council members was discussed. It was pointed out that there was no restriction in the matter but that the councilmen in the beginning had refused it, thus no proposal or recommendation was made. No definite decision was reached and the subject was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ken Kitasako", written in a cursive style.

Ken Kitasako
Executive Secretary

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Date : Tuesday, January 19, 1943
Time : 2:20 p.m.
Place: Council Room, 16-10-D

The meeting of the Temporary Community Council of Canal Community was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Art Kataoka of Block 24 was introduced as the temporary Council representative from that block.

Use of Mess Halls:

Mr. Murakami opened the general discussion by reading a memorandum from Mr. H. E. Keadle of Mess Operations which stated that in the event that any meetings or social gatherings are held in the mess halls, other than those activities held within the block itself, the Community Activities Section should be informed of the date, time, and place. From this memorandum, some of the people have received the impression that the CAS was even trying to run Mess Operations. Mr. Gaba made reference to a recent Administrative Instruction from Washington, D.C., which pointed out that the Community Activities Section is responsible for submitting rosters of all recognized clubs and organizations in the community, and when and where they meet. This is for the purpose of letting the CAS know what group is meeting where and when, and does not intend to clamp down on any gatherings. Thus, accounting for this memorandum from Mr. Keadle.

Community Enterprise--Consumer Cooperative:

Mr. Sasaki explained and summarized the financial statement of the Community Enterprises for the month of November, 1942. He also brought out the proposed plan of the Butte Cooperative committee in which was stated how membership in the Consumer Cooperative could be attained. This program stipulated a \$1 membership fee for any individual who became a member; every individual in this Center is entitled to membership in this Cooperative. By assessing all prospective members this \$1 fee, the Butte Committee figures that a possible total sum of \$13,000 can be collected. In cases where the \$13,000 does not fully cover operation of the Coop, such deficits can be met by the reserve surplus fund accumulated by profits made by the Community Enterprises.

This plan when presented to the Butte Community brought forth 30 returns as against the 2 blocks opposed to it.

The Council contended that the only privilege derived from this plan was the voting power. A short discussion followed, after which Chairman Ando suggested that each Councilmen see that their respective block chairmen appoint a person in their blocks to form a discussion committee to meet with the Enterprise Advisory Committee. This committee of sixteen men would then formulate some sort of satisfactory Cooperative program whereby a profitable method can be worked out for the distribution of the capital refund, not necessarily as set forth in the Butte outline, but advantageously so that this surplus will not be subjected to income tax.

Mr. Sasaki was asked whether he thought Butte and Canal should have a joint Consumer Cooperative. Mr. Sasaki replied that it would

be better to stick to the original plan of a unit Coop, because there might be friction and complications in the Board of Directors. However, he added, if the community at large desires a separate Coop, it might be better at that.

On closing this topic of discussion, Mr. Ando reminded members again to tell their block managers and chairmen to appoint the Discussion Committee and have them contact any member of the Advisory Board (Messrs. Sasaki, Kono, or Ohmaye) before Friday evening, inasmuch as Mr. Sasaki desires to hold a meeting of this group on Saturday.

Declaration of Trust--Pay Plan:

Mr. Matsumura read the Declaration of Trust under the net factory pay plan as submitted by Mr. Terry, Project Attorney. This draft set forth the method of distribution of funds obtained from the surplus which comes out of the net factory. Roughly, it further stated that there are to be three trustees who would handle the distribution of the funds: 1 Caucasian and two evacuees, one from each camp, to be selected by the respective Councils. The funds would be divided thusly: after all expenses have been taken off (i.e., bonding of trustees, their clerical help, and other expenses), the balance of the surplus fund would be divided equally among the entire evacuee working population according to working time put in. Certain limitations and restrictions are, of course, set down.

Mr. Ando explained that this document has already been approved by the Canal Net Factory Committee and now must be approved by the Canal Council. Mr. Ichimoto set a motion to approve the Declaration of Trust; seconded and unanimously approved by the Council members.

In selecting the candidates from Canal for the trustee seat, it was Mr. Terry's advice at first that any evacuee, just so he was a reliable and respected person, could be a trustee. But after giving further consideration, he thought it wiser that only citizens be selected, inasmuch as aliens, if selected, might run into some monetary difficulty with the Treasury Department. The persons selected, advised Mr. Terry, should have some legal experience.

Messrs. Karl Iwanaga and Yoshimi Hiraoka were two candidates selected for the position of trustee. Chairman Ando stated that he would approach both of them and see what their reactions would be. If both these candidates should turn down this offer, Mr. Ando was asked to approach the third and fourth possible candidates--Messrs. Tom Nakamura and Min Omata.

Dust and Hot Water:

In answer to the Council's memorandum to Mr. Korn in regard to the problem of dust and hot water, Mr. Gaba gave Mr. Korn's reply:

- a) Hot Water: The matter has been taken up with Mr. Keadle, Project Steward, for investigation as to the amount of gas pipes now available for use on the Project.
- b) Dust: An application has been sent to the War Production Board for pumps, and some parts have already been sent down. These pumps will be used to alleviate the dust situation somewhat--whether by

irrigation or by some other method. Trees are now being planted in the camp grounds and will help to lessen dust to some extent. However, the main problem is still there.

Mr. Narimatsu said the truck used to transport net factory workers to and from Canal was being used solely for that purpose--transporting workers to Butte and back again, and lying idle at the factory during all other hours. The question was raised as to why the truck couldn't be used as a water truck, or to some other better use. Mr. Gaba stated that he would look into the matter.

Members were reminded that the weekly Council meeting would be held this coming Monday, January 25, at 2 p.m., instead of the usual Tuesday.

As there were no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Kawamoto
Acting Secretary

PRESENT: Messrs. M. J. Gaba, Sasaki, and 10 Councilmen
ABSENT : Messrs. J. Kubota, M. Seiki, and B. Wada

Mr. Hoffman
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TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Date: January 20, 1943

Time: 1:15

Place: 42-3-D

Meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairman, Ken Kitasako. Roll was called and the following were absent: Kinu Fujinaga (28), Yasukichi Akira (36), Bob Hiramatsu (40), Eddie Ikemoto (51), Erie Kawai (59), Duke Kusaba (66), Kenny Goto (61), Henry Terazawa (65), Earl Yusa (73), Henry Minami (74). Mr. Gaba sat in for Mr. Hoffman who was away on leave.

The minutes were read and approved. There were no comments.

The Chairman first made a clarification of the word "advance" as asked by some of the block managers. The explanation was that a technical point was involved and for this reason, the basic pays of \$16 and \$19 could not be called wages, as it would be entirely out of line.

The subject concerning numerous cases of "penny ante" games during work hours was brought to the attention of the council. It was suggested that serious thought be given this matter, so that a resolution to be made at the next meeting be forwarded to the project director recommending that any form of gambling be discouraged while employees are working.

The Chairman mentioned about the necessity of calling attention to the block residents that they cooperate in the matter of conserving what remains of the fire wood for those who have the wood stoves. It has been noticeable in some blocks that some of the residents are still building huge bonfires.

A letter from Erie Kawai asking the council to resubmit his resignation for chairmanship and complete withdrawal from the council was read. After considerable discussion, Mr. Gaba suggested that no action be taken until Mr. Hoffman came back. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Tadashi Iwamoto gave a brief report on the Cooperative Committee. Meetings were being held with representatives from the Canal Community. It seems that the committee on this side is far advanced compared to the Canal committee. At present, selection of the board of directors and solicitation of members are being discussed by the committee.

Since there were no other reports, a report on the Finance Committee was made by the Chairman. A summary of the Camouflage Wage Committee meeting held January 16th was read and explained. The following resolution as suggested by Mr. Ishi-

zu was adopted:

"That the recommendation concerning the acceptance of the Declaration of Trust as submitted by the Camouflage Committee be accepted. "

The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the report to the Canal Temporary Community Council.

On a discussion held in connection with the appointment of trustees by the council, Mr. Gaba suggested that the trustees appointed be citizens in order to avoid any legal complications that might arise. It was stated that two nominees are to be appointed, one from each council. (the third to be a Caucasian from the administration) The following resolution was adopted by the council:

"That the Finance Committee select a candidate or candidates for the trusteeship of the Trust Fund and that same be submitted to the Council for approval."

The Chairman introduced the subject of an evacuee operated photography studio. After some discussion, the matter was tabled as it was stated that the coop would probably handle the matter later.

The question of mess workers under thirty years of age was brought up again. A written answer from Mr. Bennett to clear this matter was expected very soon. The Chairman explained that the matter was gradually being ironed out.

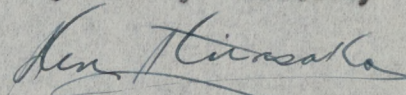
In the matter of compensation for council members, the Chairman asked for every councilman's opinion. It was the consensus of opinion that the councilmen should be paid whether as a body or as individuals so that the members would devote their full effort. The Council passed the following resolution:

"That the Council go on record, recommending that Councilmen be put on the payroll, retroactive to January 1, 1943."

It was pointed out that there was some resentment from the Canal Council due to a feeling that they were not being consulted in the solution of some of the mutual problems. In order to clear up this feeling, it was suggested that we go over to the Canal Community and hold joint meetings from time to time. Also, it was agreed that we exchange minutes of each council's meetings, so that the both Councils can be informed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Kitasako, Executive Sec.

Mr. Bennett

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TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Butte

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Date: January 27, 1943
Time: 1:20 p.m.
Place: 42-3-A

Meeting was called to order by Ken Kitasako, Executive Secretary, in the absence of the Chairman. Roll was called and the following persons were absent: Kinu Fujinaga (Block 28), Dave Kurakane (31), Yasukichi Akira (36), Robert Hiramatsu (40), Joe Higuchi (44), Eddie Ikemoto (51), Mac Yaki (52), Ray Kawazoe (55), George Nishimura (57), Erie Kawai (59), Thomas Mizuno (60), Daizo Muneno (72), and H. K. Minami (74). George Yamashiro was present as alternate for Duke Kusaba (Block 66). Also present were Mr. Gaba and Mats Ando, Chairman of the Canal Community Council.

Minutes of the last meeting were ^{read} and approved.. As so many members have been absent at recent meetings, the question was asked whether it would be possible to change the quorum so that members will be able to vote on various points. After considerable discussion, it was decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

Masato Kato reported on the progress of the Cooperative Committee and stated that residents of the community should be encouraged to buy shares in the new cooperative. His committee was invited to explain the co-operative set-up in the Butte community, to the Canal Cooperative Committee, which they did. The forms of the subscription agreement are being passed to the various blocks in Canal at the present.

Mr. Kato reported that so far, the subscription drive in Butte is very encouraging. Various procedures in regard to the cooperative, will be worked out after the Board of Directors is elected. The Committee also has a group working on legal matters which will be involved in the cooperative set-up. The chairman stated that there is no age limit in order to be a member, and a person may become a member at any time. However, voting by proxy will not be permitted. Various minor questions were brought up, which were answered by Mr. Kato and Mr. Iwamoto.

The Executive Secretary asked that the selection of Frank Sakamoto as trustee for the Workers' Trust Fund be ratified by the Council. It was voted unanimously to approve of his selection to this position, for the Butte community.

A letter from the Central Block Manager requesting that sidewalks be put in around mess halls was read. It was moved and seconded that the following recommendation for resolution be made:

"That the Council go on record to recommend to the proper authorities, that concrete walks be provided at the entrance and exits of mess halls where necessary, for sanitary purposes."

The subject of "penny ante" games during working hours was discussed. It was decided to ask Mr. Bennett to issue memorandums to the various division heads regarding this subject.

The point was stressed that all Councilmen should be present at each meeting or send an alternate. In regard to these absences, Ben Tsudama suggested that the secretary send memorandums to the various block councils, requesting the reason for these absences. It was decided to follow this procedure.

The matter of private parties selling coolers in this center was again brought up. The Executive Secretary stated that no reply has been received from Mr. Bennett concerning the resolution which was passed at the meeting on January 6, but that he will follow it up.

In regard to the problem of notifying blocks when utilities supplies are going to be shut off, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Council recommend to the Project Director to inform the division head in charge of the utility supply, to inform all blocks beforehand, when utilities such as water, are going to be turned off."

The Executive Secretary read a letter from the Poston Community Council regarding some of the problems confronting their community.

The opinion was expressed by Mr. Kitasako that the lack of adequate transportation facilities seems to be one of the main problems at this center. Mr. Ishizu was of the opinion that an evacuee should be represented at the Field Offices where the W.R.A. policies are made.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ken Kitasako

Ken Kitasako, Exec. Secretary
Temporary Community Council

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TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Butte Community

Date: February 10, 1943
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: 42-3-A

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Earl Yusa, new Council Chairman. The following members were absent: Mrs. Kinu Fujinaga (28), David Kurakane (31), Takeshi Sakurai (33), Yasukichi Akira (36), Joe Higuchi (44), Tom Koyama (47), Eddie Ikemoto (51), Mac Yaki (52), George Nishimura (57), Eric Kawai (59), Henry Terazawa (65), and Daizo Muneno (72).

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. Ken Kitasako, Executive Secretary and Finance Committee Chairman, gave the following reports on resolutions which were presented to Mr. Bennett:

(a) In taking up the matter of compensation for Councilmen, Mr. Bennett was not in favor of it at the present time, inasmuch as an effort is being ~~xx~~ made to elect the Permanent Councilmen soon.

(b) Problem of trucks passing between barracks. Mr. Williamson stated that a set of vehicle codes is being drawn up, to be presented to the Council for further discussion and suggestions.

(c) Memorandum regarding release of mess workers under 30 years of age. Mr. Bennett has issued instructions to Mr. Keadle to retract this memorandum.

(d) Installation of lights on south side of latrines. These lights will be installed as soon as wire is available.

(e) Cement walks for mess halls. This will be impossible, as cement for immediate needs is not available.

(f) Warnings on utilities. Mr. Bennett said they would try to notify all blocks, but under emergency situations, it is physically impossible to pass this information around.

(g) Regarding gambling during working hours, a letter from Mr. Bennett was read, in which it was stated that all division heads have been notified regarding this problem.

On the Workers' Trust Fund for the camouflage project, two evacuee trustees have been selected and one more person is to be chosen from the appointed personnel in order to make proper distribution of the trust fund. A reserve will be set up from this fund for taxes and personnel expense.

Fair Practice Board. This matter was discussed since the last meeting with Daizo Muneno, Chairman of the Labor Relations Committee, and it was decided to call it the Labor Relations Board. This board will consist of seven persons, representing the medical department, camouflage project, housing, mess division, farm management, and public works. Names of persons submitted for this board were read. Administrative Instructions call for a paid executive secretary, but other members will not be paid. Only in cases where it is difficult to make decisions will this board be called.

Masato Kato asked what progress was being made on the Constitution. Mr. Kitasako said that in talking with Mr. Terry, the constitution committee has not met yet. However, Mr. Bennett is waiting for the revised administrative instructions from San Francisco before this revision is undertaken. It was decided to have Dr. Minami and Tom Kurihara find out what progress is being made on the constitution, and report at the next meeting.

Ken Kitasako, Chairman of the Camouflage Wage Committee, reported on some of the difficulties encountered on the camouflage pay plan. Under the pay plan which was accepted by both Community Councils, the W.R.A., and the contractor, a pay period consists of ten days. According to the contract, if a worker puts in 8 days and rests 2 days, he is required to pay \$4.80 for his two days' absence. This condition was not anticipated when the contract was drawn up, but Mr. Terry stated that there would be some injustices to the workers. The Camouflage Committee had an emergency meeting recently, and it was decided to modify the pay plan, as the present arrangement is unfair to the workers. The pay plan was revised as follows: "This is to be based on the average of the actual number of days and half days that the worker puts in, including all pay periods from January 16, to February 28, 1943, inclusive." Each time a worker is absent, the community fund suffers. The committee has indicated to the workers that when the next pay period starts, they will have to contribute more to the community fund. The council voted unanimously in favor of this revision.

Regarding the new contract, Mr. Kitasako stated that several plans have been drawn up, although nothing definite has been reached. Inasmuch as production is running quite high, it will not be necessary to staff the camouflage project to capacity. However, some revision will have to be made so that more money will be retained in the community fund. Some of the plans under consideration are as follows:

(1) Instead of giving the entire 48¢ per 100 sq. ft. over the 1,000 sq. ft., retain 8¢ or 10¢ for the community fund.

(2) Do not give the \$10. bonus.

(3) Instead of the basic 1,000 sq. ft., raise the minimum to 1100 or 1200 sq. ft. before the excess earnings start. If too much is deducted, it will discourage the workers.

(4) Do away with basic pay plan and let workers contribute to the community fund according to the progressive method.

It was stressed that the object of the new pay plan is to bring the maximum amount into the community fund, and at the same time, maintain peace and harmony among the camouflage workers.

In order to cooperate with the administration on various policies, the Council asked that Mr. Bennett be invited to speak at the next meeting. The Executive Secretary stated he would extend this invitation.

Dr. Yusa brought up the matter of extra compensation for those who work overtime, such as hospital workers and others, as many of the hospital workers are leaving for the camouflage project. This matter was discussed at some length. However, the point was expressed that if one group is granted this privilege, it will set certain precedents which will make it difficult. Mr. Hoffman stated he did not think remuneration is going to solve this problem. Dr. Yusa said one of the main problems is to have the hospital recognized by the American Medical Ass'n. and the state of Arizona. Dr. Sleath has taken this matter up with Mr. Bennett.

One member asked if it would be possible to have evacuee representation in Washington. Mr. Hoffman stated that this is beyond the jurisdiction of the administration, although he was in favor of it.

Masato Kato reported that the Articles of Incorporation for the Cooperative are being sent to Washington this week. Members of the Board of Directors will be left to each section.

The Executive Secretary read a letter from Mr. Bennett, regarding fires which are built between barracks creating a fire hazard. Councilmen were asked to take this matter up at their block meetings.

Mats Ando reported that the Canal Council wish to know if the W.R.A. could defray part of the expenses of relocation.

Regarding publicity for the Council, it was moved and seconded that a reporter be present at Council meetings.

Mr. Ishizu asked if school children were going to have a summer vacation, as he was thinking in terms of keeping children occupied. ~~This was~~ No action was taken on this problem.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kon Kitazako, Executive Secretary
Butte Temporary Community Council

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Minutes of the
MEETING OF THE TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Butte Community

Date: February 3, 1943
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: 42-3-A

Meeting was called to order by Ken Kitasako, Executive Secretary. The following persons were absent: Dave Kurakane, Takeshi Sakurai, Yasukichi Akira, Bill Nishino, Joe Higuchi, Eddie Ikemoto, Mac Yaki, Erie Kawai, Duke Kusaba, Earl Yusa, and H. K. Minami. Mr. Hoffman and Mats Ando were also present.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. The Executive Secretary reported that he has been trying to see Mr. Bennett regarding some of the resolutions which were passed by the Council. He will give a report on these resolutions at the next meeting.

Masato, Kato, Chairman of the Cooperative Committee, said that as the result of a meeting of 64 block representatives, the membership subscription drive so far is 6,100 members. Plans proposed and made by the Study and Research Committee were approved by all members. This plan is to have one delegate and one alternate from each block, with one vote to each block. Delegates will be given full power to elect the Board of Directors. This board will consist of 6 persons from Butte and 4 from Canal. Other minor questions were answered by the chairman.

It was reported that street lights are being installed and the matter of telephones for the community is up to the Signal Corp of the U. S. Engineers.

The Executive Secretary brought up the resignation of Erie Kawai, Chairman of the Council. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Kawai's resignation from the chairmanship of the Council be accepted, with the stipulation that he remain a member of the Council. Dr. Yusa, present vice-chairman, will be asked to fill this vacancy.

At this time, Mr. Hoffman was asked to report on the San Francisco conference from which he has just returned. His opinion was that it would not take very long until the permanent council is elected. Although the announcement has not been made officially, issei representation will probably be permitted in community government. As soon as the revised Administrative Instructions are received and Mr. Terry, Project Attorney, returns, the Constitution Committee will begin making revisions. Mr. Hoffman also stated that there is no requirement that the Chief of Community Services meet regularly with the Council.

In reply to the question as to whether the Constitution will have to be reviewed in Washington again, Mr. Hoffman said it would, but gave the assurance that it would not be delayed there. He added that the way in which the Temporary Community Council is conducted will have a direct bearing on the education of the residents of the community and also on the permanent council.

Mr. Ishizu brought up the point that the Block Managers seem to have more direct bearing with the administration, and that there is very little differentiation between the work of the Council and that of the Block Managers. The Executive Secretary replied that the Block Managers have more direct contact with the people and have more visible evidence of the things they want done, whereas the Council does not always get reactions on their resolutions.

Mr. Hoffman expressed the opinion that perhaps there is too much representation from each block. There should also be a tie-in between the Block Managers and the Council. He also stated that when the Permanent Council is elected, each resolution can be voted upon directly by the Council instead of going to the Project Director. One requirement is, not to have meetings conducted entirely in Japanese. One member thought that in the first place, the Block Managers should have been elected. Mr. Hoffman said the administration would be very glad to have suggestions.

Mr. Hoffman went on to say that "On the matter of voluntary induction, Mr. Myer feels that this is the most important thing that has happened since evacuation, and is a very important step in overcoming some of the other things." It might be well to invite Mr. Landward to speak to the Council at the next meeting on this question. In reply to the question as to why the nisei are to be in a separate group, the Army would like to have nisei in with the rest of the soldiers, but the Selective Service Board said it could not be handled in this way. Mr. Hoffman stated that he returned from the conference with full confidence that the W.R.A. has a leader who has the ability to look ahead.

At the conference, all Project Directors were asked to spend more time with the people in the community, as public relations is very important. The W.R.A. will have two new sections; one on Evacuee Property and the other on Social Analysis. This latter section will be for the sole purpose of studying the origin of various groups so that the administration will be able to understand the people better. However, this has nothing to do with the coming Senate Investigation. This investigation is unfortunate, but the residents of the community should make this group get the "feel" of the community. In this way, the public will become educated, but it will probably come by degrees.

Regarding the construction of the school buildings, Mr. Myer stated that every community should start out with the auditorium and other necessary buildings and use the present barracks for classrooms for the time being. Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Hoffman are working on the problem of having the schools accredited.

Mr. Ishizu asked if any discussion was held at the conference on the segregation of pro-axis groups. Mr. Hoffman said this was discussed, but no conclusion was reached. This matter will be handled very carefully and as wisely as possible.

Ken Kitasako reported that inasmuch as production on the camouflage net project is about 60% above normal, recruitment of workers will probably stop after approximately 700 workers are hired. This will affect the residual fund. Mats Ando reported that the Trustee for the Workers' Trust Fund from Canal will be Min Omata.

The Executive Secretary brought up the subject of trucks passing across blocks between barracks, and whether steps could be taken to control it. It was decided that the Executive Secretary take this matter up with the Internal Security Dept.

The control of pets was again brought up and it was stated that this problem should be taken care of immediately. The Council asked that this matter be taken up with Duke Kusaba, Chairman of the Health and Sanitation Committee and Dr. Furuta.

Mr. Huso has asked that the Council set up a Fair Practice Board of seven members, as provided in Administrative Instruction #27. This matter was turned over to Daizo Muneno, chairman of the Labor Relations Board.

Masato Kato stated that the matter of licensing was tabled until the permanent council was elected, but they are needed at the present time. He recommended that it be brought up again and passed. Mr. Fujimoto brought up the problem of private parties doing the work of barbers, and often charging more than those under Community Enterprises. It was suggested that Mr. Fujimoto and several members of his committee talk to these individuals and try to discourage this, as it is a matter of ethics.

In regard to the use of recreation halls, Mr. Hoffman stated that the C.A.S. is working on a plan whereby each group of blocks will have at least half of one hall. Purchase of Recreational equip. is up to the blocks themselves. He also brought up the question of rec. hall 55 being used for a pool hall where admission is being charged. Some provision should be made to curb this problem.

It was stressed that the major problem at the present time is to adopt the Constitution.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Canal Temporary Community Council

Date : February 2, 1943 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:20 p.m.
Place: Council Room, 16-10-D, Canal

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The meeting of the Canal Temporary Community Council was called to order by Chairman Mats Ando. Roll was called: Present- Council members-- Tom Murakami, George Ichimoto, Masao Omoto, Akira Chiamori, Megumi Narimatsu, Kelly Matsumura, George Yokoyama, Art Kataoka, Jerry Doi, George Nagamatsu, and Mats Ando, Chairman; others present- Messrs. M. J. Gaba, H. Kono, Ted Ogasawa; absent members; Bob Ogino, Jean Kubota, Hitoshi Yoshida, Dick Seiki. K. Iwanaga.

Constitution:

Mr. K. Iwanaga of the Constitution Committee asked that the Council remind the Legal Department to speed up presentation of the Constitution. A recommendation was put into motion, seconded, and approved to send memoranda to Mr. Bennett, Mr. Korn, and Mr. Terry to hasten analysis on this document.

Non-Profit Cooperative:

Mr. H. Kono gave a progress report on the Cooperative Committee. A discussion was held at length on the matter of surplus funds accumulated in the proposed Coop and the distribution of such among the residents.

Mr. Kono's request that the Council write a letter to Mr. Joe Omachi, Assistant Project Attorney, asking him to serve as legal advisor to the Coop Committee was approved by the Council.

Declaration of Trust Fund--Trustee: (Net Factory)

Chairman Ando had contacted the four different parties that were suggested as possible candidates for the trustee seat. Mr. Minoru Omata has consented to sit in as the trustee from Canal Community. The selection of Mr. Omata was unanimously approved by the Council.

Licensing Committee:

Messrs. Narimatsu and Ichimoto reported on the progress they've made thus far as members of this committee. They have contacted some of the residents who were licensed entrepreneurs in their own fields of practice. The Chairman asked that they make further contacts and investigations to submit for the next Council meeting.

Water Trucks:

The Chairman read the reply from Mr. C. Hepworth, Associate Highway Engineer, which answered the Council's inquiry for use of a water tanker in Canal to water the roads. It was stated that the tanker could not be assigned definite time in Canal, and that the streets would be watered as considered necessary by the Road Maintenance Foreman.

Truck Transportation:

The other memorandum from Mr. Frank Norris, Supt. of Transportation Division, was in response to the Council's question on truck

transportation for Canal and factory workers. Mr. Norris' statement was that it did not appear objectionable for the two trucks designated for this purpose to remain "idle" during the day when not transporting workers. Rather, Mr. Norris put it, "it appeared desirable since during this period they would not be consuming gasoline and wearing out tires; and since no other project activity is handicapped by being deprived of their use, there is no reason why they should not remain status quo."

Recreation:

Mr. Gaba stated that just as the Community Enterprise is in the process of being formed into a Coop, means, somewhat on a similar basis, might be applied to the CAS whereby the department can get in direct contact with the residents. A committee should be formed to meet with the people, get their suggestions and ideas on recreation directly concerning them. Inasmuch as every person touches the CAS in some phase of activity, in one way or the other, this committee's duty will be far-reaching and extensive. Mr. Gaba further suggested that Isseis and women, as well as Niseis, be represented in this group. Chairman Ando appointed Messrs. Nagamatsu, chairman, and Matsumura and Omoto as the fact-finding body to look into this matter of forming the proposed Board of Recreation.

The problem of recreation halls was brought up by Mr. Ichimoto. Most of these halls are used as churches, clubhouses, and as the library; and the blocks having these halls utilized for such purposes are without their due recreation halls. He wondered why the ironing rooms in the respective blocks, freed of the stored articles now in them, couldn't be converted to take the place of the recreation halls.

Mr. Gaba's suggestion that three or four blocks band together and jointly share a central recreation hall was thought plausible, not only in the sense of promoting more amiable and closer relations with the neighbor blocks, but in dismissing the problem of need for recreation halls. It was decided to let the aforementioned fact-finding body handle this.

Some discussion was held on the eligibility of athletic participation by youths of high-school age. Mr. Ichimoto pointed that it was the ruling of the Education Department to have these boys participate only in high-school athletic activities, much the same policy followed by any school in the country.

Recompense:

Mr. Murakami brought up the point of whether the WRA is supposed to reimburse on damaged possessions incurred while the evacuee worker is on duty at his place of employment. It was suggested that the Council ask for a clarification of the administrative policy in this regard, somewhat along the line of "Workman's Compensation."

Resettlement Expenses:

Mr. Narimatsu expressed the feeling that inasmuch as the WRA is emphasizing relocation that the Government should be responsible to the extent of paying transportation of the household possessions

and the person's travel from center to destination. It was remembered that some time ago, instructions were issued stating that the WRA pays expenses for shipment once. The Council members asked the Chairman to communicate with other centers to seek their opinion and policy on the matter.

Mr. Ted Ogasawa:

The introduction of Mr. Ted Ogasawa, Editor of the "Gila News Courier," Japanese Section, was made at this time by Mr. Kono. Mr. Ota expressed desires for a more congenial coordination between the Isseis and Niseis and the wish of being able to put daily issues of the paper.

Hospital:

Mr. Nagamatsu stated that the packed waiting room in the hospital should be looked into. It was recommended that a letter be written to Mr. Korn and Dr. Sleath in regard to this problem.

Advance Term:

The question on the term "advance" in regard to paychecks was brought up by Mr. Omoto. Mr. Gaba clarified the dubious point saying that being paid in advance does not mean that that sum must be repaid at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Kawamoto
Acting Secretary

Mr. Korn

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MINUTES
CANAL TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date : February 10, 1943 (Wednesday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Place: Council Room 16-10-D, Canal

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

PRESENT: Councilmen Tom Murakami (3), Bob Ogino (5), Masao Omoto (8), Hitoshi Yoshida (9), Akira Chiamori (10), K. Kishi (16), M. Narimatsu (21), Kelly Matsumura (22), George Yokoyama (23), A. Kataoka (24), Mats Ando (26), and George Nagamatsu (27). Mr. Hiratsuka proxy for D. Seiki (20).

ABSENT : Mr. W.J.Gaba and Councilmen George Ichimoto (4), Jean Kubota (6), and Jerry Doi (25).

Mr. Nagamatsu suggested that an alternate attend the Council meetings when the representative himself is unable to do so. It was decided by the members that henceforth all future Council meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. instead of at 2 p.m. Mr. Yokoyama read the Butte Council minutes for January 27. No suggestions or comments were made.

Recreation:

Mr. Matsumura gave a report on what the Recreation fact-finding body has done to date. A few individuals have been contacted and they all had agreed that it was a good idea to have a recreation committee. The most vital bottleneck that has to be dealt with, however, is the question of funds. The Chairman suggested that the committee do more investigating as well as conferring with Mr. Gaba in this connection.

Reimbursement for Damaged Property:

Chairman Ando read Mr. Korn's reply to the Council's inquiry on this matter. It was pointed out that only in the event that an evacuee is unable to defray the expense, the WRA will pay for necessary repairs or replacements.

Net Factory Pay Plan:

The Chairman stated that the present net factory pay plan must be modified. The plan as it now exists seems to be unsatisfactory; thusly, that a person who puts in work for eight days and absents legitimately for two days will have to put into the pool the overage total sum for the ten days instead of the eight days actually worked.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Yokoyama as chairman, Bob Ogino, and a third committee member yet to be appointed from the Block Chairmen Board, to devise a new pay plan system, in view of the fact that the present one is unsatisfactory because slow workers are required to put into the pool a greater percentage of their earnings than the faster workers.

Constitution:

The Chairman said he had discussed the Constitution matter with the Butte Council, and their decision, at the present time, is to wait for the official WRA administrative instruction to be issued, stating specifically that Isseis can sit in the Council. Until such time, the Constitution will remain pendent.

WRA Expenses in Relocation:

Chairman Ando stated that both Butte and Canal Councils were contemplating on sending joint letters to the various centers to seek their policy on this phase.

Dances:

Mr. Kataoka brought up the matter of dances held in Mess Halls #13 and #16, and the complaints that arose from residents in the wake of each dance. The point was stressed that there was no objection to these dances--but couldn't something be done to lessen the noise? --It was decided to let the matter rest until a later date.

Barber Shops:

Mr. Yoshida placed the barber shop situation before the Council. It was stated that in Butte, the private barber shops are doing more business than the Community Enterprise shops themselves. And furthermore, that little could be done about it.

Doctors:

Mr. Yoshida stated that a petition seems to be in the making to have a certain doctor retained on this project. The Chairman explained that there was no need for such action, inasmuch as Dr. Sleath had previously pointed out that doctors need not go to any designated center if they felt otherwise, unless special orders to the contrary were issued from Washington.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Kawamoto
Acting Secretary

Mr. Bennett

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Minutes of the
TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Butte Community

Date: February 17, 1943
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: 42-3-A

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Yusa, Chairman. The following persons were absent: Mrs. Kinu Fujinaga, Takeshi Sakurai, Yasukichi Akira, Tom Koyama, Eddie Ikemoto, Mac Yaki, Eric Kawai and Thomas Mizuno. Gilbert Kuramitsu was present as alternate for Joe Higuchi, Block 44.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Ken Kitasako, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that Mr. Bennett will appoint a trustee from the appointed personnel for the Workers' Trust Fund. Regarding publicity for the Council, important news will be taken from the minutes of each meeting. It was moved and seconded that a column be set aside in the Gila News concerning the activities of the Council.

Mr. Bennett, Mr. Cozzens, and Mr. Hoffman arrived at this point. Mr. Bennett stated that he wanted to stress to the residents the importance of keeping outdoor fires at a minimum, as there are increasing hazards, especially during windy weather. He also pointed out that lumber outside of barracks and under buildings should be cleared before March 15, as the Block Managers have been instructed, not only to prevent fires but also to give late arrivals at this center an opportunity to use this lumber.

In reply to the question as to whether it would be possible for evacuees in this center to have Civil Service status, Mr. Bennett stated that he did not think so, although there many opportunities for these positions on the outside. The question was brought whether the crowded conditions at the hospital could be alleviated. The Project Director reported that a very desperate effort is being made to get more equipment, but difficulty is encountered in clearing requests through the War Production Board in Washington. Mr. Korn will work on these problems when he goes to Washington soon. In regard to shade trees, they are being donated by a group of persons in Tucson. One member asked if the WRA could defray part of the expenses connected with relocation. Mr. Bennett said he did not believe government funds were available for this purpose.

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As to the delegation of issei representation in the Permanent Council, Mr. Bennett reported that it was a matter of official clarification. After the permanent body is elected, he will be relieved of many responsibilities.

In regard to commodities sold in the canteens at this center, it was reported that there will probably not be any more items sold than those in stores outside. For those persons going out on relocation, Mr. Landward is handling all details on the distribution of ration books.

The Director was asked whether he thought it was necessary for the Temporary Community Council to convene every week, as it has been doing since October. He said it was very unfortunate that there has been an intimation of a permanent council since the beginning. On the matter of salaries for Councilmen, the revised administrative instructions which are expected at any time, will probably specify this point.

Mr. Cozzens said he was very glad to visit Gila again. On the present registration, the WRA has been working on this problem for many months and finally "sold" the Army on this plan. In order to show the loyalty of the Japanese-Americans, it was decided to let nisei in relocation centers eligible for the army. Through this registration, it is the hope of the WRA to relocate all those who declare themselves loyal to this country. All of these things depend upon the people within the centers, and they are in a position to write the destiny for the next decade, depending on the action that is taken in this registration.

To quote him further, "The opportunity is there; if you don't want to take it, that's your business. We are not going to force this issue. We are going to remove the disloyal and we want to protect those who declare themselves loyal to this country. I realize that evacuation was a tough thing, but the quickest way to break it down is to let the people and the rest of the nation know how you feel. I hope you let your conscience be your guide. If this registration falls through, I am afraid the road is going to be very rough for everyone. I don't know whether it is fear or what it is, but I used to be able to get free discussion. When a thing like this starts, you people don't want to say anything, probably caused by pressure, and you don't seem to trust us. But we are going to get the weeds and thorns out of this Center until they are all cleaned out. I think you fellows want to see this thing through in this country."

Masato Kato made a brief report on the financial standing of Community Enterprises. As Dr. Yusa and Ken Kitasako were called into another meeting, it was decided to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Kitasako, Exec. Secretary

Minutes of the

BUTTE TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Saturday, March 13, 1943
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: 42-3-A

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Earl Yusa, Chairman. The following were absent: Mrs. Kinu Fujihaga, Takeshi Sakurai, Yasukichi Akira, Robert Hiramatsu, Joe Higuchi, Ken Kitasako, and Erie Kawai. Mr. Uchiyama, Harris Ozawa and were present as alternates for Blocks 31, 60, and 46 respectively. The minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with.

Ken Utsunomiya, a member of the Camouflage Committee, reported on the progress of negotiations with the camouflage workers on the pay plan for the coming contract which is retroactive to March 1st. At the first meeting, there were eight shed representatives who were elected by the camouflage workers, and the camouflage committee of both communities. Mr. Bennett, Project Director, gave a short talk and stressed that harmony between the camouflage workers and project workers was essential, necessitating a fair share of the trust fund to all parties concerned.

At the following meeting of the camouflage workers, a plan was presented where the workers and the community fund would share on a 50-50 basis until a maximum of \$32.50 was received in the community fund. This would require workers to pay in about \$20. more than under the old plan. This plan was not satisfactory to the net workers. At the next meeting, the camouflage committee submitted two plans, both on a percentage basis. Under this system, workers would contribute either 40% or 35% of their net earnings into the fund. Some of the advantages of the percentage system are: low producers are protected, and workers are not required to produce the minimum of 1,000 sq. ft. per day.

After much discussion, the workers' committee agreed to accept Plan #3 by which they would contribute 35% and also participate in the community fund. At that time, it was emphasized that this agreement would be binding. Unfortunately, the chairman of the workers' committee said that this plan was not accepted by the workers. To get the views of the workers, another meeting was held with 43 crew representatives at which time Plan #3 was rejected by a 2 to 1 vote. It was stated to the workers that nowhere in the United States could they have such high net earnings.

Mr. Utsunomiya said he then reported to Mr. Bennett that the camouflage committee had failed to put any of the plans over to the workers. Mr. Bennett replied that "if the workers are going to continue to be unreasonable, he could not fight in their behalf

to retain the net project." It is not certain what was meant by this statement, but possibly, he is thinking of taking the net factory out entirely.

Mr. Utsunomiya went on to say that as far as possible, it would be profitable to retain the net project as there is a gross payroll of \$100,000 each month of which the WRA receives approximately \$14,000 for subsistence and \$22,000 goes into the community fund, the balance going to the workers. He stated that if it is better not to have the net project, that decision is up to the Project Director. Unless a fair plan is adopted whereby harmony is maintained between the camouflage workers and the project workers, there is every chance of losing the net project. Inasmuch as the camouflage workers did not accept any of the plans submitted, they will continue to be paid under the old plan for the time being.

In regard to the trust fund, it has accumulated approximately \$35,000 as of February 28. This fund will be divided among the 6,000 workers on the project and the net workers, which will mean approximately \$5.00 per person. It is hoped that disbursements can be made by the end of March. As payments will be made by check, it will cost about \$150. per month for service charges and printing. The trustees are Frank Sakamoto, Min Omata, and Mr. Firman Brown. In reply to questions, Mr. Utsunomiya said that the Community Council has the power to set forth any plan they wish, but this system might cause more trouble.

Dr. Yusa proposed that all camouflage workers and their families be required to pay for all hospital and dental expenses at regular rates whereby this money would go into the trust fund. No decision was reached on this matter. On the distribution of the trust fund, Mr. Terazawa expressed the opinion that people will probably make complaints if any, after their checks are received. Mr. Utsunomiya suggested that no change be made on the pay plan by the Council until the trust fund is distributed in order to get the reaction of the people. It was suggested that the camouflage committee go to Poston to study their pay plan.

Dr. Yusa read a letter of resignation from the Constitution Commission. Mr. Hoffman said that no changes have been received on Administrative Instruction No. 34. He was of the opinion that the matter of issei representation on the Council has probably not been decided upon in Washington. Ken Utsunomiya, Executive Secretary of the Constitution Commission said the commission worked very hard on the Constitution since October. The Constitution was completed on December 8th and submitted for approval to the administration; In the meantime, Mr. Terry made

a few changes. In January, Mr. Bennett indicated that issei representation might be possible. In this event, the constitution would have to be changed, so the Constitution Commission felt that they should start with a "clean slate" with new personnel, possibly.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Terry regarding issei representation. (See memorandum in Council file). It was moved and seconded to bring the constitution before the people immediately for a vote, subject to change. Mr. Hoffman suggested that it might be better to delete parts of the constitution which might be controversial. It was also suggested that the main points be published in the newspaper. Mr. Utsunomiya was appointed to pick out important parts of the constitution which are to be translated. It was also suggested that this document be explained to the Block Council Chairmen by the Constitution Commission.

On the resignation of the Constitution Commission, it was moved and seconded that it be rejected. Instead, more persons will be added to this body and inactive members will be removed.

On the matter of rationing of various commodities, the Chairman read a letter from the Central Block Manager. The following resolution was passed:

"That the Council go on record endorsing the Block Managers' decisions on the rationing of soap, shoe repairs, and other household necessities until such time that a rationing board is formed."

Mr. Hoffman explained briefly the matter of permits for evacuees to travel to nearby communities since this center is now out of the military area. Written instructions will be forthcoming. Mr. Landward will approve all recommendations on the basis of established policy. The shortage of transportation facilities makes it difficult to provide permits. Mr. Hoffman will explain this subject more in detail at the next meeting on Wednesday, March 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary

MINUTES
TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Date : Tuesday, April 20, 1943
Time : 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: Conference room, Canal Ad. Bldg.

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

PRESENT: Councilmen George Ichimoto (4), Bob Ogino (5), Si Ishimaru (7), Kelly Matsumura (22), George Yokoyama (23), Mats Ando (26), and George Nagamatsu (27), Shigeru Ikejiri, Robert Morishige, and Herbert Takeshita represented Blocks 3, 10, and 25 respectively. The former councilmen have left the Project.

ABSENT : Councilmen George Yamasaki (6), Masao Omoto (8), Hitoshi Yoshida (9), Osky Kono (16), Masatoshi Seiki (20), Kelly Ishimoto (21), and Harry Yoshimura (24).

Mats Ando read the minutes of the Block Managers meeting.
Si Ishimaru read the minutes of the Butte Community Council meeting.
There were no comments.

N.B. The chairman stated that a letter from Poston #2 was received suggesting that we ask for a raise in pay of \$25, \$30, and \$40. Discussion was held on this but nothing is definite.

A.B. A letter was also received from Topaz, Utah relating to relocation. They suggest that the chairman of the Community Council of all ten relocation centers meet to discuss problems of relocation. Some discussion was held in which the council seemed to be in favor of such a meeting.

It was brought out by one of the councilmen that nisei soldiers may now go to the West Coast. There was a proclamation to this effect.

my An investigation will be made by the Council to see if it is permissible to have radios and cameras which were confiscated before evacuation. When this is cleared the public will be given such news.

The chairman is to see the wardens about getting rid of unlicensed dogs and cats.

George Ichimoto brought up the subject that the CAS is planning to hold a National Boys and Girls Week here in the center. He stated that it was planned to have boys and girls sit in the different offices and jobs to see how the camp is run. The Community Council voted to give their full support.

Kelly Matsumura gave the financial statement of the CAS. The CAS has a balance of \$382145, of this the Treasury has \$119.03 and the difference is the income of the movies.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary,
Canal Temporary Community Council