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CHARTER  
of  
TULE LAKE RELOCATION PROJECT

PREAMBLE

WE, THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF TULE LAKE RELOCATION PROJECT, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Proclamation of the President of the United States, War Relocation Authority, and the Project Director of Tule Lake Relocation Project, for the purpose of establishing self-government and to promote the general welfare for ourselves and our posterity, do hereby ordain and establish this Charter for the Tule Lake Relocation Project.

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ARTICLE I

THE GOVERNING BODY OF TULE LAKE RELOCATION PROJECT

The governing body of Tule Lake Relocation Project shall be the Tule Lake Community Council.

ARTICLE II

QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Qualification: All residents of the Tule Lake Relocation Project over the age of 18 years are qualified electors; provided, however, that no office of any body, commission, agency, or committee shall be held by an elector under the age of 21 years, except as provided otherwise.



ARTICLE III

COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND COUNCILMEN

Section 1. Purpose and powers:

- a. The purpose of this Community Council shall be the creation of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, with power to establish law and order in the Tule Lake Relocation Project, to create boards, commissions, and agencies in respect to municipal affairs, to enact laws, ordinances and regulations and do and make all other acts and things necessary for the general welfare of the residents at large, and to foster community activities in order to insure and maintain the highest morale for the duration of the evacuation of people of Japanese ancestry to Tule Lake Relocation Project.
- b. The Community Council shall have the power to investigate and review community functions and activities of all community bodies, agencies, boards and committees, and of individuals, and to examine witnesses and records and compel same by subpoena issued therefor.

Section 2. Councilmen:

- a. Duly elected representative to the Community Council shall be known as "Councilman."
- b. A councilman shall be a duly qualified elector who is over the age of twenty-one (21) years and a citizen of the United States.
- c. Four (4) councilmen shall be elected from each community ward in the manner prescribed in the By-laws.



- d. The office of any councilman, who is absent from four meetings of the Community Council without reasons acceptable to the majority of councilmen at any meeting passing upon such question, shall be declared vacant and subject to re-election in the ward from which such person was elected.
- e. The general election of the councilmen shall be held immediately after the adoption of this Charter and at six (6) months intervals thereafter.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### OFFICERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL, DUTIES AND VACANCIES

Section 1. The officers of the Community Council, as hereinafter provided, shall be elected by the councilmen from their own members, with the exception of the executive secretary who shall not be a councilman, at the first meeting following the general election.

Section 2. Elective officers of the Community Council shall be as follows: president, vice-president, recording secretary, and treasurer. The president shall be over the age of twenty-five (25) years.

Section 3. Duties of officers:

- a. President: Duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings of the Community Council, to supervise the municipal affairs by and with the approval of the Community Council, and to represent the Community Council in all community functions or appoint a suitable person in his stead.
- b. Vice-president: Duties of the vice-president shall be to perform such tasks as may be assigned to him by the president or



the Community Council, to preside at all meetings in event of absence of the president, and to assume the position and duties of the president for the remainder of the term should a vacancy occur in the office of the president.

- c. Recording secretary: Duties of the secretary shall be to keep a record of the minutes of all the Community Council meetings.
- d. Treasurer: Duties of the treasurer shall be to keep an accurate and correct account of all monies received or deposited by the Community Council and to make payments by and with the approval of the Council.

Section 4. Executive secretary: The administrative powers of the Tule Lake Community Council shall be vested in the executive secretary. The executive secretary shall be appointed by the Community Council. His term of office shall be continuous, but be subject to confirmation by succeeding councilmen. The duties of the executive secretary shall be to assist generally the Community Council and other officers thereof in the administration of community affairs and to perform such work under their direction and supervision; to perform those duties delegated to him in this Charter or By-laws thereof; to carry out the policies and program as outlined by the Community Council; to have custody of all records of the Community Council, Judicial Commission, and other departments or agencies, except those which are specifically entrusted to others; and to execute the orders and instructions of the Community Council. It shall be the duty of the executive secretary to codify the laws, ordinances, rules, and resolutions passed by the Community Council. It shall be his further duty to supervise posting of important notices and Community Council meeting



minutes in each block, together with translation thereof in the Japanese language.

Section 5. Compensations:

- a. The compensation of the executive secretary shall be paid by the Project.
- b. All elective officers of the Community Council shall serve without compensation.

Section 6. Vacancies in office: The Community Council shall fill all offices of the said Community Council or other community branches in event of vacancies arising from any cause whatsoever to serve until the next general election or expiration of the term of office.

ARTICLE V

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Section 1. General sessions: Community Council shall meet regularly in general session at its usual place of meeting on each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced by the president or the executive secretary prior thereto.

Section 2. Special meetings:

- a. Special meeting shall be called by the president whenever he deems it necessary or upon written petition signed by not less than ten (10) councilmen stating the purpose or purposes of the said meeting.
- b. Notice of the time and place of all special meetings shall be given in writing to each councilman at least three (3) hours in advance of any such meeting.



Section 3. Quorum: Quorum of general or special meeting shall be the presence of two-thirds of the duly elected councilmen.

Section 4. Votes required: Majority vote of the councilmen present at any and all meetings of the Community Council shall be necessary to determine all issues including election of officers and the enactment of laws and ordinances, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 5. Proxy voting: There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 6. Public attendance: All meetings of the Community Council may be attended by the residents of Tule Lake Project; provided, however, that they shall have no voice on the floor without first securing the approval of the majority of the councilmen present; provided, further that two-thirds of councilmen present may require the meeting to be held in secret session.

Section 7. Rules of order: Unless otherwise provided, "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall govern all meetings.

## ARTICLE VI

### TAX AND LICENSE, GIFTS, AND LIMITATION TO USE

Section 1. The Community Council shall have the power to enact ordinances imposing taxes or license fees upon community enterprises, cooperatives for consumption or production, or other evacuee business enterprises operated for the purpose of profit.

Section 2. The Community Council shall be vested with the power of receiving title to gifts and donations of every kind and nature from the residents of the Tule Lake Project or any other source.

Section 3. All funds and property derived from taxes, licenses, gifts, donations, and other sources shall be expended and used to defray



the expenses of the Community Council and its functions and for the general welfare of the residents of the Tule Lake Relocation Project.

## ARTICLE VII

### IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS

All elected or appointed officers of the Community Council, Judicial Commission, and other bodies organized under the provisions hereof, shall be subject to removal or impeachment for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office. Charges against any such officer or officers must be in writing and signed by not less than ten (10) councilmen and forwarded to the executive secretary or the president of the Community Council. A special meeting of the Community Council shall be called for the purpose of hearing the charges made, and three-fourths vote of the councilmen present shall be necessary to hold the accused guilty of the charge or charges preferred against him. The decision of the Community Council shall be final.

## ARTICLE VIII

### INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

Section 1. The qualified electors of the Tule Lake Relocation Project shall not be denied the privileges of initiative, referendum, and recall.

Section 2. The issues involved shall be submitted to the qualified electors upon petition of ten (10) per cent of the qualified electors or upon resolution of the majority of the councilmen.

Section 3. The issues shall be given publication by the president or executive secretary in the "Tulean Dispatch," or any other newspaper of general circulation in Tule Lake Relocation Project, and after the expiration



of one week, a special election shall be held in the manner of election of councilmen.

Section 4. Majority vote of the qualified electors shall be necessary to decide issues arising from initiative, referendum, and recall.

Section 5. The Community Council may call a special election for advisory secret ballots on major issues on request of three-fourths of the councilmen attending any meeting. Said election shall be held in the manner hereinabove set forth.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Section 1. Jurisdiction: Judicial Commission shall have jurisdiction to try all offenses committed within the Tule Lake Relocation Project, as defined by the Penal Code of the State of California to be less than a felony, and in all cases of criminal violation of the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations enacted by the Community Council.

Section 2. Judicial Commission:

a. A body of twelve (12) commissioners shall be drawn by lot to sit as the Judicial Commission as provided for in Section 4, subparagraph b hereof.

b. One commissioner shall be selected by the block manager from each community block with the assistance of block advisory committee, if any.

c. The commissioner shall be a qualified elector over the age of twenty-five (25) years, with reasonable speaking knowledge of the English language, and free from disqualifications provided in Section 1072 of the Penal Code of the State of California..



- d. Disqualifications and substitutions of commissioners as hereinafter provided shall not prejudice the authority and jurisdiction of the Judicial Commission hearing criminal complaints.
- e. The executive secretary shall act as clerk of the Judicial Commission. He may appoint one or more assistants to assume the duties of said office if he deems it necessary.

Section 3. Criminal complaint:

- a. Upon receiving charges of criminal violations from the office of Chief of Internal Security, the Legal Aid Department or the Project Attorney shall prepare a formal and concise complaint in the name of the People of Tule Lake Project setting forth the charges against the accused. Said complaint shall be signed by the complaining witness, if any, or the Chief of Internal Security, or his assistant.
- b. Complaint shall be filed in duplicate with the executive secretary who shall be responsible in serving a copy thereof on the accused.

Section 4. Judicial Commission hearing:

- a. It is the duty of the executive secretary to call the twenty-four (24) commissioners together not later than three (3) days after receiving the criminal complaint.
- b. Upon receipt of a criminal complaint the executive secretary shall draw by lot a list of twenty-four (24) commissioners, the first twelve (12) to sit as the original Judicial Commission, and notify each of them of the time and place of hearing.



- c. Any commissioner who is directly or indirectly related to the accused must automatically disqualify himself to sit in the hearing. In event of any disqualification, the commissioner next in order of selection shall immediately replace the commissioner so disqualified.
- d. It shall be the duty of the executive secretary to challenge each of the commissioners sitting in body of twelve (12) to disqualify them on the ground of personal bias against the accused or the people or for having decided upon the issue of guilt or innocence of the accused or for other disqualifying causes. The accused shall be privileged to six (6) peremptory challenges. Should insufficient number of commissioners remain to form the Judicial Commission of twelve (12) persons, the executive secretary shall draw by lot from time to time until the qualified number of commissioners has been secured.
- e. Immediately after said Judicial Commission has been completed, the executive secretary shall administer to them the following oath: "You do solemnly swear that you will well and truly try the issues between the people of Tule Lake Relocation Project and the accused, \_\_\_\_\_, render a true decision as to his guilt or innocence, and in event that he be guilty to impose a sentence appropriate to the nature of the crime committed and in the interest of maintaining law and order in the Tule Lake Relocation Project."
- f. The executive secretary shall read the complaint to the said commissioners, so selected to sit as the Judicial Commission, and



to the accused, shall inform said accused of his constitutional rights, and shall request the accused to enter his plea of innocence or guilt to the charge, or charges, made against him in the said complaint.

- g. The Judicial Commission may adjourn and reconvene from time to time if the majority shall deem it necessary during the course of such hearing.
- h. At appointed time and place of hearing before the Judicial Commission, the accused and the People may require the attendance and examination of witnesses and records. In event any person refuses to attend or produce records, the Judicial Commission may issue a subpoena signed by the executive secretary, directing the wardens or other law-enforcement officers of the Tule Lake Relocation Project to compel such attendance or production.
- i. All persons testifying before the Judicial Commission shall be first administered the following oath by the executive secretary:  
"You do solemnly swear that the testimony to be given by you in the matter of People of Tule Lake Relocation Project and the accused, \_\_\_\_\_, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God."
- j. The testimony before the Judicial Commission hearings shall be taken by one or more shorthand reporters under the direction of the executive secretary and, if he deems it advisable, transposed into typewritten transcript for permanent records.
- k. The commissioners may interrupt the examination during the course of hearing to elicit further evidence, to clarify the issues



involved or for such other purposes as they shall deem it pertinent and necessary.

Section 5. Decision:

- a. Upon conclusion of testimony before them, the Judicial Commission shall retire to chamber and vote for the guilt or innocence of the accused in the presence of the executive secretary. In order to hold the accused guilty, nine (9) or more commissioners must cast their votes for his guilt.
- b. The decision of the Judicial Commission shall be in writing as follows: statement of accusations or charges, a brief statement of facts, guilt or innocence of the accused and reason, or reasons, therefor, and in event of guilt, the sentence to be imposed. The executive secretary shall assist the Judicial Commission with the preparation thereof, and it shall be signed by all the commissioners so holding and attested to by the executive secretary. Minority opinions, if any, must also be set forth and made a part of the record to be used in any cases appealed therefrom. The said minority opinion shall be signed by the commissioners so holding.
- c. The decision of the Judicial Commission shall be forwarded to the office of Project Director without delay after it had been rendered. The Project Director shall approve or disapprove same within twenty-four (24) hours. If approved, he shall so certify on the written decision of the Judicial Commission. If disapproved, he shall return same to the executive secretary together with his written request for rehearing or further hearing



by the same Commission setting forth his reasons therefor. In the event the Project Director requests for a rehearing or further hearing, the executive secretary shall immediately call the said Judicial Commission together for the said purpose. Failure of Project Director to act upon such decision within the time hereinabove set forth shall be equivalent to his approval thereof.

Section 6. Appeal:

- a. In event the accused has been held guilty of the charges as set forth in the complaint, the accused shall be entitled to an appeal to the Project Director in writing within seven (7) days after he had been served with a copy of such decision, setting forth therein the ground, or grounds, upon which he bases such an appeal.
- b. The Project Director shall certify in writing within two (2) days after the receipt of same whether said appeal be granted or denied. If the appeal be granted, the Project Director may recommend rehearing before the same Judicial Commission or a new hearing before a new commission, original commissioners being disqualified to sit thereon. Failure of Project Director to act on such appeal shall be equivalent to denial thereof.

Section 7. Sentence:

- a. After the accused has been adjudged guilty and sentence imposed, Judicial Commission shall be empowered to suspend said sentence or place the defendant upon probation on such terms and conditions as it shall deem appropriate. No probation period shall be longer



than one (1) year or involve monetary penalty in event of violation of the terms thereof.

- b. In event that judgment is not suspended, or should probation be denied to the accused, the accused shall be committed into the custody of Chief of Internal Security for the execution of such judgment and sentence.

Section 8. Examiners:

- a. It shall be the duty of the executive secretary to compile a list of six (6) or more persons with legal knowledge, profession or education and/or court experience who shall participate in Judicial Commission hearings as examiners and otherwise assist the Judicial Commission in eliciting pertinent testimonies from the witnesses and accused before said Judicial Commission.
- b. The accused shall have the right to choose two (2) persons from said list to sit as examiners at such hearing and in event of his failure to do so, the executive secretary shall select the two (2) examiners by lot.

Section 9. Evidence:

- a. The evidence against the accused must show that he is guilty of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt and moral certainty.
- b. Strict rules of evidence against hearsay shall not be binding in hearings before the Judicial Commission whenever such testimony be deemed pertinent in the discretion of the commissioners sitting therein.
- c. Penal Code of the State of California pertaining to misdemeanors will govern in proceedings before the Judicial Commission whenever applicable.



Section 10. Power to make rules of procedure: The Judicial Commission sitting in hearing shall be empowered to make such rules of procedure from time to time as it shall deem necessary, which said rules shall be codified by the executive secretary and shall apply to all subsequent hearings before the Judicial Commission until superseded.

## ARTICLE X

### LAWS

Section 1. Effective date of laws enacted by the Community Council: All laws and ordinances enacted by the Tule Lake Community Council shall become effective three (3) days after submission and approval thereof by the Project Director; provided, however, that any law shall become effective immediately after approval of the Project Director if two-thirds of the councilmen present shall vote to consider same as an emergency measure.

Section 2. Enactment clause: The enacting clause of all laws and ordinances of the Tule Lake Community Council shall be substantially as follows: "The Community Council of the Tule Lake Relocation Project does hereby ordain and enact as follows:" Every law and ordinance upon enactment of the Community Council must be signed by the president thereof and attested to by the executive secretary.

Section 3. Publication: The executive secretary shall cause each law and ordinance and amendments thereto after approval of the Project Director to be published immediately at least once in the "Tulean Dispatch" or in any other newspaper of general circulation in the Tule Lake Relocation Project.



Section 4. Ordinance violation a misdemeanor: A violation of any law or ordinance of the Community Council shall be deemed a misdemeanor and may be prosecuted before the Judicial Commission in the name of the People of Tule Lake Relocation Project in accordance with the provisions of Article IX of this Charter.

#### ARTICLE XI

##### INVALIDITY

If any section or part of a section of this Charter proves to be invalid, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity of any other section or part of a section, unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section is dependent for its operation upon the section or part of a section so held invalid.

#### ARTICLE XII

##### AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Charter: This Charter shall be subject to amendment only in the following manner:

- a. Upon petition signed by one-fourth of the qualified electors or upon resolution passed by two-thirds of councilmen present at any meeting, the proposed amendment or amendments shall be given publication in the "Tulean Dispatch" or in any other newspaper of general circulation in the Tule Lake Relocation Project.
- b. After one (1) week has expired, special election shall be held and the qualified electors shall cast their votes in the manner of election of councilmen.
- c. Majority of qualified electors voting on such issue shall be necessary to pass an amendment to this Charter.



Section 2. By-laws: The By-laws shall be subject to amendment only in the following manner: by three-fourths vote of the duly elected councilmen.

ARTICLE XIII

RATIFICATION

Section 1. Charter: The ratification of majority of the qualified electors of Tule Lake Relocation Project voting therefor shall be necessary for the adoption of this Charter and By-laws.

Section 2. Continuance of temporary Community Council in office until superseded: Temporary Community Council of the Tule Lake Relocation Project shall continue in office until the Tule Lake Community Council hereinabove set forth shall have been duly elected and organized.



BY-LAWS  
OF  
TULE LAKE RELOCATION PROJECT

ARTICLE I

ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN

Section 1. Register of duly qualified electors: The duly appointed block manager of the respective community block in the Tule Lake Relocation Project shall prepare and compile a register of qualified electors within his block immediately after the adoption of this Charter and By-laws and shall from time to time revise same for the purpose of keeping same up to date.

Section 2. The block manager of each community block shall call a meeting of qualified electors residing therein for the selection of five (5) representatives, who shall convene in session immediately thereafter by ward for the nomination of four (4) or more candidates to the office of councilmen and shall declare the date of general election of the four (4) councilmen in such ward, which said election must be held at least seven (7) days subsequent thereto.

Section 3. Each qualified elector shall be given a secret ballot at the election booth containing the names of the persons nominated for the office of councilman, and in addition thereto, said ballot shall contain lines upon which the elector may write in the name of any qualified person for the office of councilman. The four (4) persons receiving the highest number of votes as a result of the tabulation of same, including any write-in candidate or candidates, shall be elected to the office of councilman.



## ONE OF POSTON'S PROBLEMS

One of the fundamental things wrong with Poston is the over abundance of Caucasian administrators. We evacuees have been told time and time again that this is a relocation center for the evacuees. However, we are inclined to doubt that statement. If you will look around, every week sees an increase in the Caucasian personnel. For instance, in Mr. Kennedy's office alone, 3 new leave officers have been added. Why? Because the WRA regulations say that the final decision must result from Caucasians.

If a democratic self government is to be established, if Mr. Collier's ideals, if Mr. Myer's liberalism in government is ever to be achieved, the present tendency toward bureaucracy must immediately cease. We demand that no more Caucasian administrators be imported here.

That brings another question to mind--if no Caucasians are added to the staff, can the evacuees do the work? Are the evacuees capable? Will the evacuees do the work?

There are numbers of evacuees who can qualify and who can pass any of the civil service requirements that the Caucasians met in obtaining their jobs. You gentlemen, I know, would verify that statement at face value. Now for the second part of the query--no, I do not think that the evacuees will assume the responsibility and the work for the puny wages that they now receive. In other words, if you give them the wages that goes with the job, you will get better results than you are now getting. Take the Indians in Indian Service, for example, through their contact with the problem from the administrative angle, they are able to create a better understanding to the other Indians.

Why can't evacuees qualify for the civil service jobs? That silly ruling in effect now with the WRA must be changed. Why can't evacuee doctors qualify for the U. S. Public Health Service? Why can't evacuee attorneys qualify as project attorneys?

It is obvious that the present WRA ruling is discriminatory. It violates the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution which plainly states that all citizens shall be given equal protection under the law.

Then, why not give the evacuee citizens an opportunity? With the crying need of America's available manpower, there is no necessity to tap the outside Caucasian resources when there are capable evacuees ready to step into the jobs. Why doesn't the WRA take this step as an example for the rest of the country and other government departments?

Perhaps the unfortunate experience of the WRA at Minidoka proves that the evacuees will not accept their own people for adminis-



COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Temporary Community Council, I  
Law Department, Ad. Bldg. I  
Poston, Arizona

January 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Tulalake Temporary Community Council

FROM: Franklyn Sugiyama, Chairman,  
Temporary Community Council, Unit I

I am enclosing you a copy of a report sent to Mr. W. Wade Head, Project Director of this Project.

This community feels that the problem is an important one. Will you kindly give it your attention.

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Franklyn Sugiyama, Chairman  
Temporary Community Council, I

Enclosure

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trators. However, there are numerous faults with that example. It is not my idea to present the panacea. I am merely presenting the problem.

There are less Caucasian administrators in Gila than in Poston. This would indicate that the problem might be strictly a local administration phase and as such, the solution, for the most part, lies entirely in your hands. It might be interesting to note how much better the people in Camp 2 and Camp 3 understand the administrative problems. The reason, I think, is because they are holding responsible jobs in the office and they are able to take home an understanding to the residents.

Going a step further--why don't the evacuees themselves have a hand in forming the WRA policies? The paternalistic attitude of the WRA is foolish. The evacuees have been earning their living for years independantly, entirely removed from the sphere of Government larges. Adopting the standards from the Indian Service and then trying to fit them on the moulds of evacuee character is entirely wrong. We need our own representatives in Washington to fashion the over--all WRA policies. There is no Caucasian who understands the evacuee mind.

We desire more positive action on the part of the administration and less kissing off with a pleasant farewell. The evacuees have reminded you of the peril of low flying Army planes. What has been done? Other Caucasian communities have been able to confine the planes, why can't you. The day of pretty speeches is over. Talking about helping the evacuee makes him hungry. Continual talk on that subject with pretty speeches only serves to what the hunger more. Even a small start would help. Let's do it and talk later.

Dated: January 11, 1943

Presented to W. W. Head, Project; R. Gelvin, Associate Project Director; J. G. Evans, Assistant Project Director.

cc to: J. C. Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
D. S. Myer, Director of WRA  
Temporary Community Council of Poston Unit II and III  
Relocation Centers: Tulelake  
Manzanar  
Gila  
Heart Mountain  
Granada  
Minidoka  
Rohwer  
Jerome  
Tepaz

Pacific Citizen



RESOLUTION TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
INSTRUCTION NO. 34, SUPPLEMENT 2 (REVISED - JUNE 5, 1943)

The following resolution contains a request on the part of the General Assembly of Delegates from all Blocks in the Tule Lake Relocation Center to the Project Director for his consideration and transmission of said request to the National Office of the War Relocation Authority.

Whereas, the Tule Lake Relocation Center has been without an effective evacuee Community Government since the time of registration; and

Whereas, there has been a general feeling throughout the colony for a need of an evacuee Community Government; and

Whereas, it is to the interest of the WRA Administration and to the colonists to have said evacuee Community Government for the purpose of presenting administrative policies and in the furtherance of the basic resettlement program of the WRA; and

Whereas, there has been an attempt on the part of the colony to re-establish said Evacuee Community Government; and

Whereas, the Administrative Instruction No. 34 dated April 19, 1943 the WRA removes the restriction against non-citizens' eligibility to representation on the Evacuee Community Government; and

Whereas, on June 5, 1943 the WRA issued a supplementary Instruction No. 2 Revised to said Administrative Instruction No. 34 stating restrictions to eligibility as follows:

(1) persons who have requested repatriation or expatriation and who have not withdrawn their request at least three months before the date of the election; (2) persons who did not give an unqualified affirmative answer to Question No. 28 on Form WRA-126 Revised or Form DSS 304A and who have not subsequently been granted leave clearance; (3) persons who refused to register during the military registration conducted in February and March of 1943 and who have not subsequently been granted leave clearance; (4) persons who have been denied leave clearance.,



and

Whereas, it is the feeling of the delegates of the General Assembly that these restrictions are not just and will not provide a fair basis for representation; these restrictions are of little value as criteria of loyalty and will only serve to intensify the bitterness and resentment of evacuation and subsequent registration crisis; and

Whereas, the same restrictions are retarding the re-establishment of an Evacuee Community Government which has already been accepted by the general population; and

Whereas, the present duly constituted delegate bodies can no longer make any progress in re-establishing the Community Council under these condition;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the General Assembly of Delegates from all Blocks in the Tule Lake Relocation Center convening in special session here on the 10th day of July, 1943 at Newell, California do hereby request the War Relocation Authority to revoke the restrictions as placed in Administrative Instruction No. 34, Supplement 2 (Revised) dated June 5, 1943; that the re-establishment of the Evacuee Community Government be governed by Administrative Instruction No. 34 as dated April 19, 1943.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES  
TULE LAKE RELOCATION CENTER  
WRA  
NEWELL, CALIFORNIA



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Tule Lake Project  
Newell, California

June 18, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Harry Mayeda

SUBJECT: Re-establishment of the Community Council

With reference to the re-establishment of the Community Council on the basis of the proposed amendment to the charter, may I call your attention to the fact that Supplement 2, revised, to Administrative Instruction No. 34 sets forth certain restrictions on the eligibility to hold elective office and to serve on appointive committees, commissions, boards and other administrative positions in community evacuee government. Briefly, all persons who are 21 years of age or over whether citizens or aliens are eligible for such positions

1. Persons who have requested repatriation or expatriation and who have not withdrawn their request at least three months before the date of the election.
2. Persons who did not give an unqualified affirmative answer to Question 28 on Form WRA 126, revised, or Form DSS 304-A and who have not subsequently been granted leave clearance.
3. Persons who refused to register during the registration conducted in February and March of 1943 and who have not subsequently been granted leave clearance.
4. Persons who have been denied leave clearance.

It occurred to me that those persons prominently identified with the revival of the Council should be familiar with these eligibility requirements.

Harvey M. Coverley  
Project Director



(The Minidoka Irrigator--June 19, 1943)

RESIDENTS REJECT CHARTER, 2375 TO 1568  
73.9% of Eligible Voters  
Casts ballots in Election

By an overwhelming majority, the residents of the Minidoka center voted down the Charter for Community Advisory Council in Tuesday's election.

Complete returns from the 35 blocks of the center, tabulated Tuesday night in D. H. 21 by the Special Election Committee headed by Yoshio Urakawa, showed that 2375 voted against ratification to 1568 for ratification.

Although the number of eligible voters totalled 5330, just 3943 or 73.9 per cent of them cast their ballots during the voting period which was from noon till 7 p.m. on Tuesday. 1387 eligible voters stayed away from the polls.

The results showed that 23 blocks voted against ratification, and 11 for ratification. In one block, Blk. 41, the count proved even, 59 for and an equal number against.

Decidedly against ratification were Blks. 7, 13, 29, 34, 37, and 39. Pulling the strongest for the Charter were Blks. 19, 22, 26, and 28.

Blk. 19 showed the greatest interest in the election with 137 casting their ballots out of 148 eligible voters, for a percentage of 92.7%. Blk. 37 ranked next with 144 out of 159, or 90.5 per cent, turning out. Blk. 12 was third with 92 out of 103, or 89.3 percent, voting.

The largest number of votes was cast in Blk. 34 where 154 turned out. Showing the least amount of interest was Blk. 6 where only 38 out of a possible 123 eligible voters, or 30.9 per cent, went to the polls.



(From Heart Mountain Sentinel—July 3, 1943 issue)

## CHARTER VOTE SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Polls Will  
Be Open  
From 1 to 8

Heart Mountain residents will go to the polls Wednesday to vote on the self-government charter. Ratification or rejection of the charter will be by a majority vote.

Polls which will be established in each of the 39 mess halls, will be open from 1-8 p.m. All residents of the center 18 years of age and over are eligible to cast ballots.

The voting, which will be by secret ballot, will be under the supervision of a committee composed of three block chairmen, Minejiro Hayashida, Joe Koide and Tom Sashihara, and three manager, Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto, Shig Masunaga and George Nakaki.

Aboard consisting of three nisei and three issei chosen at each block meeting will be in attendance at the polls. The ballots will be counted by a committee of six including one block chairman, one manager, two judicial commissioners, one school teacher and the chief of community services.

The charter approved by Project Director Guy Robertson provides for an election of a legislative body known as the community council. Any resident 21 years of age or over is eligible to become a member of the council. One councilman is to be elected from each block. A judicial commission composed of not less than three members nor more than nine will be selected by the council.

Complete texts of the charter in both English and Japanese translation were mimeographed and distributed to all families this week and the matter will be taken up the block meetings Monday.

The preamble of the charter reads as follows:

"We, the residents of Heart Mountain Relocation Center, R Wyoming, composed of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, alien Japanese and other racial groups, involuntarily evacuated from the Pacific coast, in the cooperative spirit of assisting the project director of this center, as free persons, and as classes of persons, associating ourselves as one common body, to establish justice and promote the welfare of this community, do hereby adopt this charter. The approval and the acceptance of manner whatsoever, relinquish nor surrender any of the rights and privileges of said above groups as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America."



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# PETITION FOR AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

The undersigned, constituting not less than one-fourth of the qualified electors residing within the Tule Lake Relocation Center, hereby petition that a special election be held for the purpose of amending the Charter of Tule Lake Project, in accordance with the procedure in said Charter provided.

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To meet with ward councilmen for the purpose of keeping them informed of the problems of the residents of the block, and to disseminate information to the residents of the block.

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CHARTER  
OF  
PLANNING BOARD  
TULE LAKE RELOCATION PROJECT

PREAMBLE

Because of the WRA ruling that no Issei shall serve on the Community Council, there has been a feeling that the former has not been adequately represented. In the face of such facts, it has become necessary that some kind of an Issei-Nisei organization be formulated to assist the Council in the community affairs.

ARTICLE I

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is advisory to the Administration and to the colonists on the formation and on the interpretation of basic policies of the Tule Lake Relocation Project.

ARTICLE II

QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Qualification: All residents of the Tule Lake Relocation Project over the age of eighteen (18) years are qualified electors; provided, however, that no office of any body, commission, agency or committee shall be held by an elector under the age of twenty-one (21) years, except as provided otherwise.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND

MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Section 1. Purpose and power:

- a. An Advisory Board to the Administration and colonist on the formation and interpretation of basic policies.
- b. Collect data and records for further study and research to determine causes of disputes and to take measures to prevent their future recurrences.
- c. Guide complaints to appropriate departments.
- d. Directors and research men who serve on the Planning Board shall have privilege to attend all hearings, meetings, and conferences relative to issues involving community welfare.
- e. May request any persons from any office, board or department to act in an advisory capacity to the Planning Board.

Section 2. Directors of the Planning Board:

- a. Duly elected representative from the ward to the Planning Board shall be known as Planning Board Director.
- b. Duly elected Director of the Planning Board shall be a duly qualified elector who is over the age of twenty-five (25) years and an Issei with some experience in personnel work and human relation, must be social-minded, have good judgment, and command respect of colonists.
- c. One (1) Director of the Planning Board shall be elected from each ward in the manner prescribed in the By-laws.



- d. Each block will elect one (1) Issei, and the elected representatives from each ward will elect one (1) Director to the Planning Board.
- e. Tenure: Directors of the Planning Board shall serve for a six (6) months term.
- f. In case of resignation of a Director, the represented ward will elect another member of the ward to serve the unfinished term of the resigned Director.
- g. If a Director of the Planning Board cannot attend a meeting, he will appoint one of the members of his ward to take his place.

Section 3. Members of the Planning Board:

- a. The remaining elected board members from the blocks will act in an advisory capacity to the Directors of the Planning Board elected in their respective ward.
- b. The ward Board Director shall make a report of the Planning Board activities at their respective ward meeting.
- c. Members of the Planning Board shall take back reports of the ward meeting to their respective blocks.
- d. Members of the Planning Board shall present written reports of their respective block meetings to the Planning Board Director of their ward.
- e. Two-thirds of the total Planning Board members shall constitute a quorum at all ward meetings.
- f. A Planning Board member shall appoint an Issei to take his place when he cannot attend ward meetings.
- g. In case of resignation of a Planning Board member, a block election will be held as prescribed in the By-laws.

Section 4. Chairman of the Community Council: He shall be a Director of the Planning Board. The Chairman may call a special meeting of the Council whenever any emergency arises. The Planning Board, through the Chairman, may refer any problems of sufficient importance to the Community Council for its consideration. The Chairman will give weekly report of the Community Council meetings; the Chairman, when unable to attend, shall be represented by proxy.

Section 5. Councilmen: One councilman, elected from the Council, will serve as a Planning Board Member.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS OF PLANNING BOARD, DUTIES, AND VACANCIES

Section 1. The officers of the Planning Board, as herein provided, shall be elected from among the Planning Board Directors.

Section 2. Elective officers of the Planning Board shall be as follows: Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Section 3. Duties of officers:

- a. Chairman: To represent the Planning Board in all community functions or appoint a suitable person in his stead; to preside over all meetings of the Planning Board.
- b. Vice-chairman: To perform duties of the chairman in his absence; to assume the position and duties of the chairman for the remainder of the term should a vacancy occur in the office of chairman.



Section 4. Research men on Planning Board:

- a. The Planning Board will appoint three (3) research men to serve as investigators for said Board. They shall devote full time to their work and shall be compensated by the War Relocation Authority.
- b. Qualifications:
  1. Age: twenty-five (25) years and over.
  2. Some experience in personnel work and human relations.
  3. Ability to speak the Japanese and English languages fluently.
- c. One of the research men will be chosen by the Planning Board to be their secretary and also to supervise the other two (2) research men.
- d. Research men of the Planning Board will be appointed from the colony by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

PLANNING BOARD DIRECTORS MEETING AND

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. Meetings: Planning Board Directors shall meet at least once a week at its designated place of meeting, unless announced otherwise by the chairman or the secretary prior thereto.

Section 2. Special meetings:

- a. Special meetings shall be called by the chairman whenever he deems it necessary or upon written petition signed by not less than five (5) Directors of the Board stating the purpose or purposes of the said meetings.
- b. Notice of the time and place of all special meetings shall be given in writing to each Director at least three (3) hours in advance of any such meeting.

Section 3. Votes required: Majority vote of the Planning Board of Directors present at any and all meetings of the Planning Board shall be necessary to determine all issues including election of officers.

Section 4. A quorum of seven (7) Directors must be obtained for a meeting.

Section 5. General Assembly: Quorum will constitute majority of Planning Board members.

Section 6. Ward meeting: Members of each ward shall choose one (1) secretary to keep records of the ward meetings. Directors of the Planning Board shall be chairman of their respective ward meetings.

Section 7. Ward meeting shall be twice a month. Special meeting shall be called when necessary.

Section 8. General assembly shall be called twice yearly by the chairman of the Planning Board. These meetings will be immediately after Planning Board elections. Special meetings shall be called by Board of Directors when deemed necessary.

Section 9. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the Planning Board.



## ARTICLE VI

### AMENDMENTS

The Charter including the By-laws shall be subject to amendments only in the following manner:

1. By three-fourths vote of the Planning Board members who are present at the general assembly.
2. At least majority of the elected members must be present for an amendment of the Planning Board charter.

## ARTICLE VII

### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Section 1. Qualified electors of the Tule Lake Relocation Project shall not be denied the privilege of Initiative and Referendum.

Section 2. Issues involved shall be submitted to the qualified electors upon petition of ten (10) per cent of the qualified electors or upon resolution of the majority of the Planning Board Directors.

Section 3. Issues shall be given publication by the chairman or the secretary in the "Tulean Dispatch" or any other newspaper of general circulation in the Tule Lake Relocation Project and after an expiration of one (1) week, a special election will be held in the manner of election of the Planning Board members as prescribed in the By-laws.

Section 4. Majority vote of the qualified electors shall be necessary to decide issues arising from Initiative and Referendum.

## ARTICLE VIII

### RECALL

Section 1. Recall of Planning Board Directors:

- a. A Director of the Planning Board may be subject to Recall by a petition signed by three (3) of the Planning Board members of the respective ward and two-thirds vote of the Planning Board members.
- b. A Director, failing to report on three (3) successive Board of Directors meetings without sending a proxy representative, is automatically recalled. The proxy representative of the ward shall have the full rights of a Board member.
- c. In case of Recall, the Planning Board members of the respective ward shall elect another Director.

Section 2. Recall of Planning Board Members:

- a. A Planning Board member may be subject to Recall by a petition signed by ten (10) per cent of the block residents and two-thirds popular vote of said block.
- b. A Planning Board member, failing to report on two (2) successive ward meetings without sending a proxy representative, will be recalled. Proxy representative will have the same rights as a Planning Board member.

Section 3. Recall of Research men: They will be subject to Recall by the Planning Board at will.



BY-LAWS  
OF THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE I

ELECTION

Section 1. Register of duly qualified electors: The duly appointed block manager of the respective community block in the Tule Lake Relocation Project shall prepare and compile a register of qualified electors within his block immediately after the adoption of this Charter and By-laws and shall from time to time revise same for the purpose of keeping same up to date.

Section 2. The block manager of each community block shall call a meeting of qualified electors residing therein for the selection of one (1) representative, who shall convene in session, immediately thereafter by ward for the nomination of one (1) Director to the Planning Board.

Section 3. Nomination: Each block shall nominate at least three (3) candidates for block representative of Planning Board. Names of the candidates shall be posted at least one (1) day ahead of election in a conspicuous place.

Section 4. Each qualified elector shall be given a secret ballot at the election booth containing the names of the persons nominated for the office of block representative of Planning Board, said ballot shall contain lines upon which the elector may write in the name of any qualified person for the office of block representative of Planning Board. The person receiving the highest number of votes as a result of the tabulation of same, including any written candidate or candidates, shall be elected to the office of block representative of Planning Board. The term of office of a block representative of the Planning Board shall be six (6) months.

Section 5. That said block manager shall appoint three (3) election officers to supervise issuing and receiving of ballots, to compile the votes cast, and to make returns thereof.

Section 6. All ballots shall be cast into a closed box provided therefor by the block manager in the presence of said three (3) election officers, one of whom shall draw a line across the names of qualified electors exercising such voting privilege on the register.

Section 7. All ballots shall be cast between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Section 8. Return of the votes cast shall be signed by the three (3) election officers and attested thereto by the block manager who in turn shall relay same to the chairman of the Planning Board, who shall announce and publicize the names of persons elected to the office of block representative.



REGULAR PLANNING BOARD MEETING

January 8, 1943  
1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called in order by chairman, Mr. Yamahita. Roll call was taken. All Board members present. Mr. Shirai present from the Council. Mr. Y. Shibata absent from Council. Minutes of the previous meeting read by Acting Secretary, Chester Ogi. Corrections made: Mr. Kuki entered after the discussion of old minutes, and not later.

At this time a reporter from Tulean Dispatch entered and requested to sit through the meeting. Father Dai moved that board representative meet with the editor, Howard Imazeki to decide a policy of all Planning Board news being published by the paper. Mr. Yamashita and Mr. Yoshida appointed.

A phone call came from Mr. Nishioka stating that a big supply of meat in the warehouse is rotten and the supply just received is also rotten. Question was raised to the members whether Mr. Watanabe was to investigate immediately or wait until further development. Chairman took vote, and Mr. Watanabe was delegated to investigate immediately. He left at this time.

A communication was read by Chester Ogi from Social Welfare Department. The letter stated that four copies of all death certificate are being made at present; and that in order to improve the present means of contacting relatives, a fifth copy be made and sent to Spanish Embassy. Planning Board was asked of its opinion on the matter. A motion was made by Father Dai that the report is satisfactory and that it be turned over to the City Council. Seconded and passed. Letter be turned over to the City Council, care of Mr. Shiari to be returned to Planning Board files.

POINTS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE MR. COVERLEY:

Question of clothing allowance was brought up, which led into the discussion of the evacuee status. Mr. Shirai stated that since citizens and aliens make up the population of the project, the Geneva Convention Treaty would not be applicable. Chairman Yamashita's opinion is that Geneva Convention Treaty is applicable to aliens regardless of how they are confined, as long as they are confined within government camps. Board members agreed that the Geneva Convention Treaty will be used as basis for Planning Board arguments for clothing allowance to all residents.

Questions of persons leaving for resettlement was raised. Questions were:

"Can persons leaving Camp, again return to Camp?"  
"Who are eligible to leave Camp?"

Mr. Ikeda stated that various persons have asked these questions of the administration and have received unsatisfactory answers. Various incidents of people on leave were brought out; but Father Dai thought that that was during the first stages of people leaving with



Work Corps, and now a program includes that indefinite leaves for persons and such disagreeable incidents of individuals would not be prominent.

A motion was made that a written recommendation be made from the Planning Board to the Council that some sort of machinery be set up whereby people would be protected wherever they may relocate or whatever type of position they may work in. Mr. Y. Shibata entered at this time.

Mr. Ikeda brought up another question to be presented to Mr. Coverley. A question of building various recreational facilities within the block, such as basketball court, to curb juvenile problem. Method of assessing residents for funds for such a program is not possible, whereas there is a possibility of approaching the Co-op funds. Mr. Watanabe, researchman returned at this time.

The old question of putting in men above the present warden supervisors to improve the Internal Security Department was decided to be presented to Mr. Coverley. (Confidential)

At this time Mr. Watanabe's report was made:

Meat came: December 2, 1942

Amount came: 5,579 pounds

Amount spoiled 710 pounds

Meat came: Date unknown

Amount came: 1,878 lb. -----amount spoiled 135 lb.

6,432 lb. -----amount spoiled 350 lb.

2,523 lb. -----amount spoiled 200 lb.

The following inventory taken on January 8, 1943:

Date came: Unknown

Amount came: 11,840 sent to the butcher shop. 689 lb. spoiled.

The following information was received on December 22, 1942.

Pork came: 2804 lb. ---amount spoiled 435 lb.

Mr. Watanabe stated that his report was not complete as the warehouse has not taken complete inventory.

A report was made by Mr. Ogi on the noon lunch question that students living beyond block 48 are to be allowed to eat at school, and the students living this side of 48 are to return to their respective blocks, but that Mr. Wilder has not received any memorandum to that effect from Mr. Peck. A telephone call was received by Mr. Ogi today from Mr. Wiler, who received information from Mr. Peck that due to lack of equipment, the noon lunch for students was impossible at present. The last time Mr. Peck was questioned, the answer he gave was lack of lunch meat. This problem also is to be presented before the Project Director.



Syphilitic test and tuberculin test report was made by Mr. Ogi. Mess people in Block 25 did not turn up for tuberculin test. Only one mess hall had 100 % turnout. Some method of having full cooperation of mess personnel is needed. It was decided that the problem of tuberculin test be brought before home nurses of each block. Mrs. Yamanaka is to be contacted by Chester Ogi.

The question of families joining at internment camp arose. Information was recieved that wives and minors may join, but a clear definition of who is minor has not been obtained. A letter was sent by Walter Tsukamoto regarding this question, but the answer has not been received.

At this time Mr. H. Coverley entered. Everyone was introduced. Mr. Shirai excused himself since a special council meeting was being held. Father Dai requested Mr. Coverley to present his policy. Mr. Coverley stated, "I would like to have it understood that it would be unwise of me to outline the work of the Planning Board I could see the Board can advise me rather than I advise you. I could also see that the members are elderly and would know more about the problems and would be able to know what to do to solve the problems. As to policies, my policies are the policies of WRA. Policies are made presumably by folks in Washington; however, an Administrator has certain amount of discretion of what emphasis is put on the policy.

"As I have said before, I have only come here with one determination. That is, that I am going to lay my major emphasis at all times on relocation program. I desire to see this project liquidated. I desire to see the people go out of here. Not in the same location as you previously lived and not only to the answer of the present, but for generations after, wide distribution in hundreds of communities in the country. Now, that does, of course, call for a sacrifice on the present generation. This relocation program pertains, not only for the young generation, but for the older folks also. I don't see any reason why this process should not have the assistance of older and wiser heads as well as young Nisei. If only the Nisei were the ones going out, the adjustment, the record, reputations, the opinion about the Japanese will have to rest upon these younger folks. In the second place, I don't think that this is the kind of place for anyone to live anyway, even for the older folks.

"I would certainly like to find out through this group what are the obstacles for this relocation program." Mr. Ikeda brought up the question of what protection would be assured the relocated people. Mr. Coverley answered that the Administration does not let anybody go until the community has been canvassed. At this time Mr. Ogi presented a clear incident is said to have occurred in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Coverley requested a written statement about it.



Father Dai said, "People are taking time to make up their minds. We are not sure that we can keep the job after the war."

Mr. Ogi pointed out the financial problem. Mr. Coverley said that many employers are willing to pay half of the travelling expense. Mr. Ikeda asked, "Are you still handling seasonal workers?"

Answer: "That has not been stopped."

Dai

Father/continued: "The fact that not many are leaving should not discourage you. It takes some time for us to understand where WRA stands. The majority of us WRA is one of the department of government which made lots of promises which were not carried out. When they hear of this new policy, the people have no confidence on the WRA as yet."

Mr. Ikeda asked, "If for some reason, a person does not like his job after going out, can he come back?" Answer by Mr. Coverley, "Yes." And continued to say that if a person does not like his job, they will try to get him another job. Mr. Ikeda asked the project director's cooperation to the fullest extent. He answered, "I can promise that I will try to do my best and cooperate to the fullest whenever I am consulted, if possible. I will be very glad to receive recommendations."

At this time Mr. Coverley requested the opinion of Planning Board on the following points:

- I. "Request has come to me from at least two women of our Caucasian employee to allow them to live in the Center with the Japanese residents. There are many points to be considered. My opinion is negative."

The Planning Board decided to discuss this further.

- II. "I have discovered that there is a group of workers unloading coal who are working less than full day and getting credit for full-time work. I will have to take some action because it would not be right to knowingly let them do it."

The Planning Board decided to study this problem thoroughly and take this up with the Council.

Questions brought up at the beginning of this meeting were presented to Mr. Coverley:

- I. The City Council and the Planning Board were considering the positions for Japanese commissioners to be above the present warden supervisors.

Mr. Coverley answered that he would contact Dr. Jacoby about this. (All confidential)



II. What is our status? The residents think that the treatment should be better than the war prisoners.

All clothing should be provided. Mr. Guffler's statement about the people in relocation centers receiving better treatment than war prisoners was brought up. If that statement be true, clothing should be received by all residents.

Answer: This is the first time in history that this type of program has been done. We do make clothing allowances. If this is not enough, anyone may apply for grants, and person will receive the grant.

Mr. Hayes entered.

Mr. Hayes at this time said that Administrative Instruction concerning clothes was misinterpreted. Then orders came for the freezing of all clothes on October 21, 1942. "We realize that we were wrong on the point."

III. Noon lunch problem was brought up.

Answer by Mr. Hayes since Mr. Coverley did not know: "At present we are guided by the National Rationing Program, therefore, we can expect to receive so much food. If noon lunch program does not effect the other colonists, and if equipment is available, there is no objection." This will be investigated further. Mr. Coverley requested for a statement on this subject.

IV. Syphilitic Test.

Answer: Dr. Carson will be contacted after a written memorandum of what is needed is presented to Mr. Coverley.

V. Block recreation, such as basket ball court.

Answer: Letter from Washington Oking use of WRA funds to help recreation. All expenses will not be paid by WRA. Budget needed to work out financial need.

V. A question of block recreation was brought up. Mr. Coverley is going to look into the matter.

Mr. Hayes said that clothes to be issued soon are: Uniforms for wardens; mess workers, shoes and uniforms; firemen, shoes only.

Meeting of the juvenile problems minutes was read by Father Dai. Refer to minutes. Mr. Kato reported that Dr. Hashiba is unable to speak at Ward I meeting, so Reverend Sasaki and Hirabayashi were recommended.

Members asked that board meeting minutes be sent more promptly. Mr. Takesuye reported that a Mr. Saburo Yonehiro of Mess 40 had talked to him about the troubles of Mess 40. That Mr. Moshida



and Mr. Watanabe had been present and the results of the meeting of the people was not satisfactory. Board members agreed to ignore the man's report after hearing the character and personality of the man.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chester Ogi,  
Acting Secretary,



TRAFFIC ORDINANCES FOR THE  
COMMUNITY OF TULE LAKE

Chapter 1

Licenses

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle owned or used by the U. S. Government in the Community of Tule Lake unless such person holds a Motor Vehicle Operator's License of the Department of Internal Security, Tule Lake Project. No license shall be issued to any person under the age of sixteen years.

Section 2. The operator of any motor vehicle shall have his operator's license in his immediate possession at all times while driving a motor vehicle and shall display the same upon demand of a member of the Department of Internal Security.

Section 3. Suspension of License, Whenever any person is convicted of a violation of any provision of this Traffic Code, the Project Director may, in addition to such other penalties which may be provided by ordinance, recommend to the Chief of Internal Security the suspension or revocation of the operator's license.

Chapter 2

OPERATION AND USE OF VEHICLES

Section 1. Speed Limit. No persons shall drive a vehicle upon a highway or the streets of the Tule Lake Project at a speed greater than that set forth in the following schedule:

- a. 20 miles per hour upon a paved street or highway.
- b. 12 miles per hour upon a gravel street or highway.
- c. 10 miles per hour upon any portion of streets or highways designated or marked as a school zone.

Section 2. Hand signals. All signals herein required given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of a vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:



- a. Left turn - hand and arm extended horizontally beyond the side of the vehicle.
- b. Right turn - hand and arm extended upward beyond the side of the vehicle.
- c. Stop or sudden decrease of speed signal - hand and arm extended downward beyond the side of the vehicle.

Section 3. The driver of any vehicle upon the streets and highways of the Tule Lake Project shall observe the following regulations:

- a. Shall not permit more than two person in addition to the driver in the front seat.
- b. Shall not permit any person to ride on running board, fender, top of cab or canvas-covered canopy.
- c. Shall not transport more than the number of passengers designated by the Transportation Office.
- d. Shall not permit any person to stand on the drop gate of the back of the vehicle when such vehicle is in motion.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be parked within twenty-five feet of any fire plug, building, or structure, or any material that is highly combustible.

Section 5. The Internal Security Department shall have the power to adopt and enforce rules and regulations regarding parking and storing of cars within the limits of Tule Lake, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Code and such rules and regulations shall have the same force and effect as any ordinance.

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Section 7. The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident



resulting in damage to property only shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of the accident and shall take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of such property of such fact and of his name and address and shall upon request exhibit his operator's license.

Section 8. Duty to report accidents. A driver of a vehicle involved in any accident resulting in any injury to person or property shall within 24 hours after such accident make or cause to be made a report of such accident to the Internal Security Department. The Internal Security Department shall prepare suitable forms for accident reports required hereunder, which report shall call for sufficiently detailed information to disclose with reference to a traffic accident cause, conditions then existing, and the persons and vehicles involved.

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B. Said officer shall deliver one copy of said notice to appear to the arrested person, and said arrested person in order to secure release must give his written promise to appear before the Project Director by signing the duplicate notice which shall be retained by such officer. Thereupon, the arresting officer shall forthwith release the person arrested from custody.

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Section 17. The provisions of sections 1, 3, 4, 9, 14, 15 and 16 shall not apply to firetrucks, ambulances and police cars or to other emergency vehicles only in the performance of their respective duties.

### Chapter 3

#### PENALTIES

##### A. Evacuees.

Section 1. Upon conviction of violation of any of the provisions of this Code, Project Director may, in the exercise of his disciplinary power, imprison the offender for a term not to exceed three months for each violation or he may deprive the offender, for not more than three months, work and pay privileges, clothing allowances, unemployment compensation, welfare grants, or any other privileges to which the offender may be entitled, or any combination of any of these penalties.



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