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COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 1942
Eleventh Session
7:00 p.m.

Chairman-----Dr. Carl Hirota

Those absent were Kay Nishida, Toshio Yoshida, Eiichi Sato, John Iwatsu, Jack Iizuka, Tsune Baba, and George Ikeda.

OPENING OF PROTESTANT CHURCH: /

Councilman Hachiro Yuasa is to represent the Council and speak at the opening of the Protestant Church.

COAL DISTRIBUTION: BY RAY KANEKO

He explained that coal is now being transported directly from a mine which is approximately 175 miles from Topaz. If coal continues to be supplied at the rate of a half-truck load to each block as they are now, there will be enough surplus to carry us over. He also stated that because of the long drive and bad roads, it is difficult for the drivers to drive day after day.

The Council decided to appeal to the residents to help haul in coal and food from Delta as well as asking for drivers for the coal trucks.

EMPLOYMENT:

Labor Committee reported on the total number employed in and out of Topaz.

It was also reported that the greatest shortage in labor was in the warehouse, Commissary and Motor Poo.

SHOE REPAIR:

A letter is to be sent to the Project Director urging that footwear be repaired and furnished to the residents aside from the basic clothing allowance. If this cannot be done, that the shoe repair equipment be furnished.

NAMING THE STREETS:

It was reported by the Parks and Landscape Committee that the names of the streets as recommended by the Council were accepted and that signs will be put up soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

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The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and accepted as read.

QUALIFICATION OF COMMUNICATION:

Original copy will go to the department heads, but carbon copy will go to Mr. Ernst. Memorandum to Mr. Ernst with attention to the department heads.

RESIGNATION OF TSUNE BABA AND KAY NISHIDA:

The Community Government will communicate the Nominating Committee of those respective blocks. Dr. Hirota will see Tsune Baba personally.

THANKS TO:

The Council would like to thank the committee who invited the Delta Lions Club. Also would like to thank Ernest Iiyama and committee for this afternoon's memorial services.

INVITATION FROM PROTESTANT CHURCH:

Hachiro Yuasa will sit in the rostrum and be the speaker at the formal opening of the Topaz Protestant Church.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

Drafting committee of James Nishimura, Shozo Tsuchida, and Vernon Ichisaka met yesterday and started to draw the charter and decided that constitution was not the proper word for the size of this city--decided to call this the charter and by-laws be the ordinance, and the city will be called the City of Topaz. Up till now we have drawn the duties of the Councilman. It will be proposed to the general committee.

Shozo Tsuchida will be fully occupied in the Project Attorney's office and will not be able to be on the drafting committee so if another name can be submitted, it will be appreciated very much. It will be left up to the committee to pick the person who they would like on the drafting committee,

LABOR COMMITTEE:

The committee had a very short and concise meeting with Mr. MacIntyre. The committee would like to meet with Mr. O'Brien directly and have a talk with him concerning the Community Trust Fund.

People who are going for outside work: People whose real intentions are to work outside are the ones to be expected.

Present labor committee would be the committee to find facts. If there should be an open~~ing~~ hearing on this problem to the public, the committee may recommend to do so. Hearing will be sponsored by the labor committee.

RAY KANEKO:

As far as the coal situation is concerned, he believes it will be taken into control. Transportation of the motor pool was given the burden of supplying the coal. They discovered that the contractors were unable to supply the coal that they were supposed to supply. They have been going to the coal mine and have been able to supply half a truck to each block, and if this keeps up for a month, there will be enough surplus. There is a problem of labor shortage. Convoys were formed at first, but the convoy system was too slow so now they are running a relay, have continuous trucks going in a chain. The distance to the coal mine is 175 miles. It takes six hours to drive up to there. It is vital that they get truck drivers in the motor pool, and it is vital that they get mechanics to take care of trucks so there will not be any accidents. He would like to have the labor committee of the Council try and get more workers to replace the ones who are working now. Get the announcements made in the mess halls tomorrow if possible.

James Nishimura made a motion that the labor committee will be authorized to appeal to the residents for labor shortage. The motion was unanimously carried.

REPORT BY VERNON ICHISAKA ON EMPLOYMENT:

A report was made by Vernon Ichisaka on the total employment in and out of the City of Topaz. Project Employment by Divisions or Sections, and Cash Advance Classification by Sex was made.

It was reported that the greatest acute shortage were in warehouse work, commissary department, and motor pool.

RESIGNATION OF BOB IKI:

Bob Iki would like to resign from the Community Government.

James Nishimura made a motion that Mr. Iki's resignation at the present time may not be considered, until~~for~~ the general election is over. Motion is amended to the effect that we as Council members understand that Bob Iki has resigned in the Community Government, and we feel that his advice and leadership is necessary in the present temporary Council setup, and until such time that the charter or constitution is approved by the residents and a new election is held, we would like to have him reconsider this matter and retain his present condition.

The motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

ERNEST IIYAMA:

Ask for afternoon meetings instead of evening meetings. Send in request to Mr. Ernst addressed to Mr. Ernst and sent to Mr. Bell. Ernest Iiyama made a motion that we send in a request to Mr. Ernst that we be

allowed to have meetings on Thursday afternoons along with the Monday meeting which we are already having. The motion was unanimously carried.

CHEF PROBLEM: PERTAINING TO ASSISTANT STEWARDS:

Chefs in 6 and 13 had disagreements with the assistant stewards, and the assistant stewards are in a position that they want to resign.

Food committee is to continue this investigation and see if there is some time when we are going to be asked to participate. Recommendation from the food committee that the matter ride.

EDUCATION: (Saiki Muneno)

Saiki Muneno has reported that Dr. Carlisle would like to make an entire report to the Council. He would like to have it at night for about one hour starting from about 7:30 p.m.

Send a letter to Dr. Carlisle telling him that he can come next Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

SHOE REPAIRING: (Paul Fujii)

Paul Fujii made a motion to the effect that the Administration furnish footwear for the residents and maintenance of the shoes for them aside from the basic clothing allowance. If this cannot be done, the equipment be furnished. Write a letter to the Project Director. The motion was unanimously carried.

HOSPITAL: (Clarke Harada)

Recommendations were sent to Mr. Ernst by the fact-finding committee. There is to be a hearing of the Japanese resident doctors, Project Director, and the Medical Director. There will be some clarification on some of the acute problems.

STREETS: (Shinji Yamamoto)

Name of the streets have been okayed. Very shortly, the streets will be put up.

Meeting Adjourned,
10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

12th session and condensed form

COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 1942
Twelfth Session
2:30 p.m.

Chairman-----Dr..Carl Hirota

Councilmen absent were Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, Clarke Harada, Iizuka, Saiki Muneno, Shinsaku Koyanagi, Tsune Baba, Iwao Shimizu, and George Ikeda.

LABOR:

Decided to have an open hearing on the problem of labor--shortage inside Topaz and also on the policy on private employment.

COAL:

It was reported that a contract has been made with a contractor to have coal hauled directly to Topaz. Approximately one hundred tons of coal will be hauled each day.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE:

It was reported by the Clothing Committee that no credit from the WCCA could be carried over to the WRA. However, there will be clothing allowances for the persons who are in the following category:

- a) All those who work fifteen days out of each month.
- b) Those who are entitled to unemployment compensation and their dependents.
- c) Those who are entitled to what is called public assistance.

Clothing allowance will be in cash and clothing may ^{be} purchased at the Co-op store.

SIGN IN BLOCK #2:

The Council sent a memorandum to the Project Director urging him to see that the sign in Block #2 be removed. It was pointed out that such a sign is discriminatory and in contradiction to the war aims of our National Administration. The sign reads as follows:

"This building is reserved for residents of Block #2 only."

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

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Councilmen absent were Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, Clarke Harada, Jack Iizuka, Saiki Muneno, Shinsaku Koyanagi, Tsune Baba, Iwao Shimizu, and George Ikeda.

COMMUNICATION FROM POSTON, ARIZONA PERTAINING TO HOUSING FACILITIES:

Motion has been made that we answer this letter from Poston II relative to housing conditions of Topaz; that we designate this letter to Albert Kosakura. Motion was unanimously carried.

THANKS TO:

Mr. Toshio Yoshida for his participation in the fire department program, and to Mr. Hachiro Yuasa who represented the Council at the opening of the Topaz Protestant Church.

CONSTITUTION DRAFTING COMMITTEE: (James Nishimura)

Have completed the legislative part of the charter. Drafting committee is meeting 1:00 p.m. daily, and the general committee is meeting at 3:00 p. m. daily. Question whether we are subject to the WRA ruling or not should be put in the charter or not.

LABOR COMMITTEE: (Dr. George Ochikubo)

There is to be an open hearing on Wednesday; they expect to cover a lot and make recommendations. They would like a recommendation to be sent to Mr. Ernst and Mr. Cornwall to prevent any more labor from going out. Reported that there has been a little trouble in the public works between the carpenters and their heads. They are to have Mr. Cornwall and Mr. Jennings at the meeting.

SCRAP BUSINESS:

Dr. Hirota is to have a verbal talk with Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Ernst, and Mr. Hughes concerning volunteer labor on scrap iron business.

COAL: (Hiroshi Watanabe)

They are getting private contractors to get the coal and haul it for them. So far they got ten, and they are planning to get ten more. They can get seven to eleven tons on a truck. A hundred tons a day is maximum for midwinter. Trucks and drivers are with outside labor. They will be able to get coal without our participation.

PARKS AND LANDSCAPE: (Shinji Yamamoto)

Went to meeting on Wednesday. They accepted everything except the name of one street, but the committee would like to still keep the same name. Mr. Ernst and Mr. Hughes do not like to have the name Greasewood Way; instead they would like to substitute Cedar for it.

James Nishimura made a motion that we will not recommend any changes. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried. Send letter to Mr. Ernst that the Council would still like to retain the name.

CLOTHING: (George Hoshide)

Other members on the committee together with Dave Tatsuno and George Hoshide are Mr. Shimomura, Mr. Yamate, and Mr. Hirano. They had a consultation with Mr. Ernst and brought up the problem of allowances still owing to the Tanforan residents. Possibly it could be arranged so that the residents here could be allowed for months of July, August, and September although we were not residents of Topaz. They had a meeting this morning with Mr. Niesse and Mr. Lafabreque who were in Salt Lake City on a clothing conference. Clothing here in Topaz will be under these conditions:

- 1) Workers are to be allowed an annual clothing allowance provided they work 15 days during the month.
- 2) Clothing will be allowed for unemployed compensation and their dependents.
- 3) There could be set up a clothing allowance under what they call a public assistance.

Clothing allowance will be paid in cash, and residents can purchase at the Coop store.

MR. UCHIDA OF THE COOP DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Uchida of the Coop would like to have a word of greeting to the Council some afternoon. Invite him some time next week.

FOOD COMMITTEE: (Harry Tawa)

Everything is running pretty smoothly. Food is coming in. Food allowance from government is 45 cents a day. Have a report written for the next meeting on recommendations.

PROBLEM THAT CAME UP BETWEEN CHEFS AND ASSISTANT STEWARDS OF BLOCK 6 AND 13

The Assistant Stewards have apologized so they let the matter drop.

DINING HALL #2:

They have a separate requisition for each one. Find out definitely on Dining Hall #2, and if so, have such facts printed in the Topaz Times.

It has been requested to urge the food committee to have a dining hall in the hospital open as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: (Masato Maruyama)

Had a meeting with Mr. Bell last Thursday night. The members on this committee are Masato Maruyama, Hachiro Yuasa, and Dr. George Ochikubo. Isseis were appointed--Mrs. Fujita, and Ed Kitow. They are planning to draft up a committee called an Advisory Board who will be the liaison between Community Welfare, and Community Activities, and Education. This coming Wednesday, they are having another meeting and make the body definite. This body will be appointed by the Council and will be permanent. Verify to Mr. Bell before various discussions are made, whether the three Councilmen will have the right to come back to the Council and talk it over.

HOSPITAL: (George Hagiwara)

George Hagiwara, Clarke Harada, and Frank Yamamaki attended the meeting, and it was more or less a round-table discussion. Mr. Ernst called in the meeting. Dr. Ramsey will more or less take care of the sanitation facilities, and Dr. Harada will take care of the surgical treatments. The whole hospital situation is going along pretty smoothly. There will be another meeting this coming Friday. Now we have an acting Japanese resident doctor, Dr. Harada, who will be able to take the place of the Medical Director.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Opinions about people going to work on the outside. Suggested that anyone who wants to work outside must have worked 30 days in this center.

Let the matter ride until the general hearing has taken place.

BLOCK #2: (Ernest Iiyama)

They have a sign out saying, "This building is reserved for residents of Block 2 only."

Ernest Iiyama made a motion that we send in a memorandum to the Administration urging them to take that sign down. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

Bills for rent of microphone and phonograph from Harry Takahashi, and flowers from Mrs. Obata.

George Hagiwara made a motion that the bills presented by the Council in the reception to the Delta Lions Club be paid by the WRA Administration. Motion has been unanimously carried.

Question of community fund brought up. Have two or three members of the Council meet with the Community Activities and see what suggestions they might have relative to the subject of funds. Masato Maruyama, Dr. George Uchikubo, and Hachiro Yuasa are to meet with Mr. Fred Koba at 2:00 tomorrow afternoon.

MEETINGS BETWEEN HOUSE MANAGERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Motion has been made that representatives from the Block Managers can attend the Council meetings. Motion was unanimously carried. Write memorandum to the Block Managers.

Utilize the paper and have invitations sent out to all the departments, and whenever they have a problem of anything that should be considered, they can come to the meeting.

SEND MEMORANDUM TO:

Mr. Ernst to the effect that it has been called to our attention that many people are trying to keep the north wind and the rain out, and we feel that there is a lack of materials for that type of

operation, and could the administration through the aid of the U. S. Engineers or Drafting Department aid the people to help solve this.

Memorandum to Mr. Bell that the Council members would like to keep warm, and it is very urgent that the stoves be placed in the Council room.

MR. HIKOYEDA OF THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Requested the Council set certain standards of Issei Adult Education and entertainment so that it would be in conformance to the national defense.

Leave it up to the Community Activities. Since the Administration has confidence in the Community Activities, we would like to officially leave it in that order.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

LABOR HEARING
November 11, 1942
7:45 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. George Ochikubo.

MR. HUGHES:

Open meetings have a faculty for frank discussions so he will be frank. Aside from the fact that we are all given employment and are paid for, we get clothing allowance for working, we get work clothing for working, and we get opportunities for private employment. The policy for private employment is going to be like this: 1) Qualifications for the job to be filled; 2) Preference to good workers. These are going to be the prime consideration for private employment. All he is asking tonight is to give the workers the title he is entitled to.

MR. KATAYAMA FROM THE COMMUNITY WELFARE:

The subject he is going to talk about is, "Youth Labor Problem." Many people consider the important task or job of the youths here in Topaz is that of preparation to academic, commercial, and industrial courses as they may require at the Topaz High School. The best possible educational system will be set up for our high school children. We must remember also that Topaz High School is not a temporary high school. The students are getting credit for the work they are doing. Students have lost a great deal of time in their education because of this evacuation. Many students would continue from their secondary education to college education, but finance will not permit them to further their academic designs. Education is essential, for he through experience know that the Caucasians respect an educated person. Therefore, we should encourage the students to spend time not only in school hours, but also outside school hours in furthering their education. Judging from the people, many of them believe that education in Topaz is luxury. Discipline and respect is not very high. This school should be respected as a normal school. This can be reached through the support of all of us adults and school children alike. It needs the cooperation of all to get the best possible results. Work should not be made too readily accessible to youth. Education should be the all important element in the youths' lives today. He believes that the high school students should be used as laborers only in times of absolute crisis. High school students should not be used as a convenient labor reserve. Everything possible should be done to have a labor reserve of adults. That would make it possible to free the students for educational purposes only. We should avoid using the word "voluntary" because we are not doing justice to the welfare of the youth. Youths' minds are flexible and impressionable. At the present, the high school is half a day because of the weather and also because of lack of text books and necessary facilities. If they should be used, they could be used in winterizing the camps because that work is not too hazardous. They can perhaps winterize the high school buildings. We must tell our children that education comes first. Administrative Section 29, Paragraph 3B states, "Students under 16 years of age attending school for eight hours are not permitted to work." His one thesis is, we should give as much time to students for education. We should educate them, and education is their one big job here in Topaz. Two thousand students are going to school out of eight thousand residents here in Topaz.

MR. SHIMAMOTO:

He is speaking as one of the members of the Maintenance and Construction Department. They have been quite busy in their section. The only labor problem he can talk about is only confined in his section. Many things have to be done by all of us before we can all settle down and resume as much as possible the normal life we were leading. Four hundred men comprise the number in this department. But their job is so great that all of the boys cannot take care of all this. Some of the boys had to work 24 hours so that the residents may be able to rest comfortably. He believes the department should have more than four hundred workers, but he realizes there is lack of workers after some have gone out, and school has begun where high school students who were working before are now attending the school. They are working not for the wages they are getting, but for the sake of the community. They are lacking at the present time a little over 120 personnels. People may return from the outside this winter, and they may be able to solve some of the labor problems, but in the spring time, the problem of labor will arise again after the able-bodied people go out to do outside work. They have started this morning in winterizing the high school and are being assisted by the high school boys who have permissions. He mentioned about the garbage situation. It is a hard type of work, and the majority of the crew do not like this job, but this job is one job that must be taken care of because it will be detriment to the sanitation of this community. His plan is to form an industrial plant and make furniture, etc. that they could sell to the outside. In conclusion, he would like to ask all the men working in this project to think that it is a privilege to work because we are doing something for others; because of our sincere efforts of working to make this place a little better place to live in.

MR. JAMES HIRANO:

We are here in public spirit to better the City of Topaz. In the seven weeks at Topaz, we have not done so badly. The early days were very hectic, buildings were not completed, and roads were not made. We went through various dust storms and other storms. We should not go away to better jobs, and if we should go to better jobs, we should be sensible enough to contribute something to the people who are left in here.

MR. TAKEUCHI:

If the commissary did not function, it would affect all the kitchens. There are 59 in the commissary--12 butchers, 5 assembly lines. 32 kitchens are operating now. There are six warehouses. There are four foremen, only four vegetable men, seven office workers, seven accountants, 17 truck drivers--15 daily and two for dairy trucks. About three workers take dayoffs a day. There are 45 workers in the assembly line, truck drivers, truck helpers, and vegetable men. For instance, today 59 3/4 tons have arrived between 11:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. He does not want to force the present workers from overdoing their work. They deserve some days off. They are lacking 25 to 30 workers. He is hoping to get some help from the residents. This is his only appeal.

MR. NAKAHIRO:

There are 1,055 workers at the present time in the dining halls. Kitchen helpers are voluntary helping to bring in the foodstuffs. They are helping in the commissary doing their time off. Every resident should cooperate and help as much as they can to make it possible so everybody will be able to eat three meals a day. There is a lack of pot washers now and they are either going to replace women or wait until the winterizing is done so the men will work. One incident when we was trying to get about ten people for help in the commissary from certain kitchens, there was a complaint from a certain block manager, and this is where he appealed that there should be a cooperation system.

MR. BANDO: FROM COMMUNITY WELFARE:

He talked of the problem concerning the establishment of an Evacuee Trust Fund. The equalization of wages among all residents workers is the problem. 754 residents are working on the outside, and 3,447 residents are working in here. People who go outside to work and get high wages owe something to the people who are left inside doing the dirty work. People on the outside will not be the only ones to contribute back some of the amount for the Community Trust Fund, but people working inside on agriculture and industrial labor will be asked to contribute to this Community Trust Fund. Those people who have worked three months in camp and who achieved the merit-rating board should be given preference for outside work. Three types of workers of outside wage scale are 1) Worker who commutes, 2) Worker who labors inside the camp at outside wage scale, 3) Worker who leaves this camp for temporary furlough work. Commuter--Community Council shall recommend to the Project Director one of the following procedures; 1) Such employee shall return all wages and shall be required to pay the WRA the cost of subsistence for himself and his dependents, 2) Such employee shall be required to deposit in the Evacuee Trust Fund completely the difference in excess of subsistence and clothing allowance, 3) Such other procedure as the Community Council may wish to recommend. It may be a compromise proposal.

DISCUSSIONS:

Is there any disability insurance for the workers who gets injured in project work?

Mr. Hughes said that he is under the impression that there is. It comes under the United States Compensation Commission.

In this \$20 and \$16 subsistence charges--Has the \$16 matter been dropped?

According to Mr. Cornwall who received instructions from the San Francisco office, there has been no change made. It is still \$20 for the person who resides in camp and does outside work, and \$16 for each dependent.

Dr. Hirota would like to know who is receiving these subsistence charges, and Mr. Cornwall stated that this fund is being repaid to the WRA.

Mr. Cornwall stated that no one in this camp has been certified for permanent jobs as yet. Some of the temporary workers may drive themselves to semi-permanent jobs.

James Nishimura would like to know what is the policy of the Administration at this time.

It is the policy of the WRA to make such permanent relocation as they can in an orderly way as fast as they can.

Mr. Cornwall states that as soon as this labor committee is functioning, they shall work cooperatively with that group in the acute labor situation in the inside and outside both. Their problem would be to take care of both situations. It may be necessary to suggest within our own organization in order to meet the vital needs and they have set up a policy written out, and the labor committee can work with that policy which places certain priorities.

The Chairman would like to know how they would propose to get the manpower to scurt buildings and do the winterizing. Where are these men coming from?

Mr. Hughes stated that the Administration is not going to let the camp down. The policy for providing employment is tentative. Their first responsibility in this camp is the people of Topaz, and those people are going to be made as comfortable and as well taken care of as they can. They do not want to deny anyone the opportunities for outside employment. But first we should put our house in order. Then as we do, we can accelerate our movement into private employment.

Four hundred sugar beet workers are going to be back within two or three weeks. Then there'll be workers again said Mr. Cornwall.

Harry Konda would like to see high school students be given work after school if they make certain grades. The hours they spend in school to be counted in the working hours, and they could be paid accordingly. In this way, they can get a certain amount to save for themselves in which they could get to higher education.

A hearer asked if people who are not able to work would be allowed compensation or not, and Mr. Lafabreque of Community Welfare said they would be allowed a compensation.

Iwao Kawakami would like to see equalization in wage scale among the workers in here with exception to the hospital.

Then various viewpoints were given by various hearers, and questions were asked to the Administration people.

Meeting Adjourned.
10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

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COUNCIL MEETING
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Thirteenth Session
2:35 p.m.

Chairman-----Dr. Carl Hirota

Councilmen absent were Albert Kosakura, Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Isamu Uyehara, Clarke Harada, John Iwatsu, Saiki Muneno, James Nishimura, Shinsaku Koyanagi, and George Ikeda.

Miss Hinton was present from the

EDUCATION:

Dr. Carlisle gave a brief report of the school system in Topaz and asked that the Educational Congress meet regularly to discuss educational and student problems. The following information was also given by Dr. Carlisle:

- a) There are, at this time, ~~ten~~ more openings for elementary school teachers.
- b) WRA regulations call for the school children to be under the direction of the school teachers eleven months of the year. This does not mean that they will attend school classes for this whole period.
- c) Credited school year in Utah is 180 days out of the year.
- d) At the present there are no provisions for scholarships.

CONSUMERS' CO-OP:

Mr. Uchida, representing the Co-op Enterprise, explained the structure of the Co-op Enterprise.

The following information was also given:

- a) Balance and asset on October 15 was a little over \$2,500.
- b) Of the 5,700 residents over 16 years of age, 4,300 are members of the Co-op. A membership fee of \$1 for each individual has been collected.
- c) The only dividends are the rebates from the purchases made. There will be no dividends paid on the membership fee.
- d) The Enterprise is a non-profit and non-labile organization.
- e) Intend to make a government loan at 3 per cent per annum to meet the demands of the residents.
- f) Intend to open three more canteens.
- g) That sales tax is being collected from the Enterprise by the State of Utah.

In regards to the sales tax, the Council decided to get a clarification on this and to find out what the tax is being used for. We should get our share of the allotment of this tax fund.

~~SHOE REPAIR:~~

~~Mr. Hondrick stated the WRA policy is not to do the shoe repairing but will pay the cash included in the basic clothing.~~

MOVEMENT OF COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT OFFICE:

The Council accepted the recommendation from the Community Services Division to move to Recreation Hall #26. Three-fourths of the Eastern part is to be allotted to the Community Government.

The City Hall will move to Recreation Hall #26 tomorrow, November 13, 1942.

COMMUNITY TRUST FUND:

A committee was appointed to study the possibility of establishing a Community Trust Fund. Members are as follows: Councilmen Rayer Toki-- Chairman, Dr. George Ochikubo, Tsune Baba, Harry Konda, and George Hoshide.

Victor Abe will also serve on the committee.

LABOR:

To get information on this problem, the Labor Committee is to meet with representatives of various groups such as: a) Commuting workers, b) Kitchen crew, c) Women, d) Resident, and e) Other groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

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Miss Minton was present from the Administrative staff in place of Mr. Lorne W. Bell.

DR. CARLISLE:

Advisory Board on education should be continued. He has an idea that a larger Advisory Council is a better system. Parents may have problems to bring up that they may not want to bring to the school officials.

Note: Saiki Muneno to meet with Dr. Carlisle.

There is going to be a public hearing tomorrow night in Dining Hall #32.

Each week they have occasion to file the narrative report. They go to the chief division, and then they are written up and sent to offices in San Francisco and Washington. Every month statistical reports are on the report. Since the first of October they have had more or less a teaching personnel staff. Since the 19th of October they have been running the schools. Schools are rather getting along in an effective manner. They practically have a complete staff of teachers now. Dr. Maughan is acting as the elementary school principal. Biggest problem now is getting an appointive staff in the elementary division. There are seven on the appointive staff now. There are openings for ten more elementary teachers. Most of the teachers in grammar schools are resident teachers. There are from 20 to 24 on the appointive staff at the high school. WRA regulation is that school children should be under the direction of the school teachers for eleven months of the year. Credited school year is 180 days. So far, there is nothing in the line of scholarship.

MR. UCHIDA--MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE OF THE CITY OF TOPAZ:

He extended the greetings and best wishes from the Board. Mr. Hondrick gave suggestions and instructions to a small group of residents who was one of the first ones here. Two representatives from each block is in the Congress. Already they have had four or five meetings so far. Fifteen members are on the Executive Board. They are Messrs. Furuichi, Matsumoto, Aoki, Iino, Kanzaki, Y. Sakai, Nakajima, Yamate, T. Sakai, Shinkai, Ishizaki, Narahara, Ozawa, Uyematsu, and the Chairman, Mr. Uchida. They decided that it was the best interest of the people to take over the canteen so now it is the Consumers' Enterprise. It was taken over by the residents on October 15. Balance and asset on October 15 (gross profit) was a little over \$2,500. After a few discussions they decided that the membership fee of \$1.00 for individuals 16 years and over would be taken into the capital.

They have now an enrollment of over 4,300 members. A little over 5,700 residents are 16 years and over. They expect a full membership of 5,000. Of the 15 members of the Executive Board, they have appointed the committee so as to divide the responsibility and form the number of committees as follows: 1) finance, 2) accounting and records, 3) merchandising, 4) personnel, 5) educational, 6) fact-finding, 7) legal, 8) production, and 9) service.

They will have to get government loan at 3 per cent annum to meet up with all the capital that they need. The residents will not be responsible for any loss that may occur. The Co-op is non-profit and non-liable.

They intend to open three more additional canteens. The canteen in Block 19 may be made the headquarter for general merchandise, such as hardware, dry goods, etc.

According to Mr. Hull, the Topaz Times is also to be handled by the Cooperative Enterprise.

They would like to ask the cooperation and assistance of the Council.

Note: Get a clarification on the tax business from the Attorney General.

SHOE REPAIR:

Mr. Hondrick stated the WRA policy is not to do the shoe repair but will pay the cash included in the basic clothing. Government will definitely pay the amount of the cost of shoe repairing.

LETTER FROM MR. BELL:

Concerning the moving of the Council and Community Government to Recreation Hall #26.

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion that the Council move to Recreation Hall #26. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

THANK YOU LETTERS TO:

Dr. Hirota, Toshio Yoshida, and Iwao Shimizu for their participation in the Fire Department Dedication.

LIONS CLUB RECEPTION: (Masato Maruyama)

Bills came for flowers and use of microphone. The committee is to investigate further for these problems:

- 1) Food was to be a separate allotment.
- 2) Administration was to take care of expenses that might have occurred for this reception.

Get clarification on this problem. Report at the next meeting.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: (Vernon Ichisaka)

The whole thing will be presented at the next meeting.

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE C.A.S.:

Send invitation to Community Activities committee head. Fred Koba to attend the next meeting to present his problems and requests.

Committee to investigate on this Evacuee Trust Fund are the following: Rayer Toki, Chairman, Dr. Ochikubo, Tsune Baba, Harry Konda, and George Hoshide. Vic Abe will aid in the technical points.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR: MR. MOROZUMI:

He would like to be on the work order, and would like to have the recommendation of the Council to be employed as the Public Prosecutor.

Hachiro Yuasa recommended that the Chairman appoint someone who will look into the matter and try to put Mr. Morozumi on the payroll through some technicality. Hachiro Yuasa was appointed to look into this matter.

LABOR: (Dr. Ochikubo)

He gave a resume of the labor hearing last night. Various suggestions were made from different members.

Labor committee before the end of the week have a committee composed of two or three representatives from those who are working within the camp on prevailing wages and some different Issei counselors and probably one from the maintenance, one from the kitchen crew, and possibly a woman, and a resident. They can get together before the end of the week and have a discussion where they might come to some agreement and when such an agreement is made, then the time would come when they can come to the Council for recommendations. Community Trust Fund would be incorporated in this.

Meeting Adjourned.
6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

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COUNCIL MEETING
November 16, 1942
Fourteenth Session
2:40 p.m.

Acting Chairman-----Ernest Iiyama

Councilmen absent were Albert Kosakura, Kay Nishida, John Iwatsu, Shiro Shibata, Jack Iizuka, Rayer Toki, Shinsaku Koyanagi, and Iwao Shimizu.

CLOTHING:

The Committee on Clothing reported that the plan for clothing allowance is under way.

Those in the following categories will be eligible for the clothing allowance:

- 1) Any enlistee (worker) who has worked 15 or more days in each month.
- 2) Dependents of the enlistees who are eligible.
- 3) Those eligible for unemployment compensation.
- 4) Those who are entitled to public assistance.

Clothing allowances will be paid in cash and to the head of the family.

Family heads are to be determined biologically and not by the WCCA family heads. This is to be verified by the families themselves when the field worker comes to interview the family.

LABOR:

The Labor Committee stated that it would take a week to ten days to recommend a policy on labor.

In the meantime, they would like to contact sugar beet workers, Daley Brothers' workers, and U. S. Engineers' workers.

Harry Konda is to act in Vernon Ichisaka's capacity on the labor committee until the latter returns from Salt Lake City.

CONSTITUTION:

An outline of the Constitution was presented to the Council and a brief report made by the Committee on the Constitution.

Copies are to be typed and distributed to each Councilman to study.

The Constitution will be presented to the Council by the Committee for acceptance.

The Constitution will then be voted on by the voting residents of Topaz.

Executive Secretary,
Ernest S. Iiyama

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Those absent were: Albert Kosakura, Kay Nishida, John Iwatsu, Shiro Shibata, Jack Iizuka, Rayer Toki, Shinsaku Koyanagi, and Iwao Shimizu.

Letters from Dr. Harada and the hospital staff:

- 1) Boycott of hospital news.
- 2) Winter apparel.
- 3) TBC patients.
- 4) Office equipment for office in doctors' quarters.
- 5) Disposition of patients released from outside private hospital after treatment by specialists.

CASE OF MR. MOROZUMI: (Hachiro Yuasa)

It is satisfactory to Mr. Morozumi to be on the payroll of the Public Safety office. Mr. Fridley is out of town so Hachiro Yuasa was not able to speak to him. Bob Iki believes Mr. Fridley may not ever come back, but Mr. Ball is taking his place at the present time.

TROUBLE IN DINING HALL #20:

There has been a misunderstanding that the two members on the Food Committee were represented at the dining hall as Councilmen, and the Councilman from that block, Eiichi Sato was blamed, and that there has been a strike among the workers. Eiichi Sato recommended that the two members not represent as Councilmen but whatever their job is.

Harry Tawa wished to resign on account of this, but he was told to stay on at least until the report is finished, and the situation will be discussed later.

In all fairness to the Food Committee, Paul Fujii would like to resign because he has not helped much. It was decided that he talk it over with the committee.

BASIC CLOTHING: (George Hoshide)

The program for the distribution or payments of clothing allowances has just about been started, and the clothing allowance under the WRA will be under an entirely different setup than in Tanforan. The three processes under which the clothing will be distributed are as follows:

- 1) Any enlistee working 15 days or more in a month will be eligible for clothing allowances for himself and his dependents.
- 2) Any person eligible for unemployed compensation will be eligible for clothing allowance--same as the worker.
- 3) Any person not eligible for clothing allowances under

the first two categories will be eligible under what is called public assistance.

The program that has been set up at this time:

Clothing allowances will be paid in cash and will be paid to the head of the family. Administrative Instruction No. 27 gives definite instructions as to who should be designated as the head of the family. It has been decided to utilize the Block Managers' roll call list as the foundation. From this, they will set up temporary heads of the families under their own interpretation. This will then be given to field workers who will interview the head of the family who will verify who the head of the family is, and this will be reported back to a setup what is known as Basic Clothing Card. Initial clothing allowance will be on the policy of individual needs and will be given to those who request it.

ALLOCATION OF SPACE:

At the present time, the Community Halls are under the control of the Community Activities, and the residential buildings are under control of Housing. Because of that, we are having difficulties in allocating office space for the various departments. There should be a central board to allocate space according to the present needs of the departments. This board should control both the Community Halls and vacancies in the residential buildings.

Paul Fujii recommended that a certain committee be appointed to take charge of allocation for space of Community Halls.

Vernon Ichisaka believes the Council should have responsibility in allocating various spaces and see that various departments get their housing.

Shinji Yamamoto disagrees to that. He believes it is up to the Administration to supply us with the needs. They should provide the buildings and when they can't, we should put the pressure on them.

James Nishimura states that since the recreation halls belongs to the people and since the Council represents the people as a whole, we should be responsible.

Dr. Ochikubo suggested that the Council see the CAS side and listen to their viewpoints. Send an invitation out to them.

Tsune Baba suggested that we recommend to the Administration as to the actual needs of the various activities for quarters or space. Just make a recommendation, and we shouldn't act in any other capacity. Just present the facts.

The Chairman stated that we should set up a committee on Housing.

James Nishimura suggested that as the first investigation, have Mr. Fred Koba come to the next meeting and have him talk to us.

Let the matter ride until the next meeting.

LABOR AND ITS TRUST FUND: (Dr. George Ochikubo)

Recommendation letter from Bob Iki to present a definite policy making recommendations to the labor problem.

There is no definite policy on hand as yet. The situation as Dr. Ochikubo sees it is an unorganized situation within this project. Policy for outside employment is under consideration. They are trying to get an overall policy. He would like a week from today to present the policy. He has contacted a few sugar beet workers who have come back. With the present situation, his opinion is that we would have to have a center corp. There will have to be cooks, painters, dentists, garbage men, etc. All these people will have to stay here for the sake of the community. He had a talk with Mr. Cornwall, and various problems were brought up, such as granting land. He decided to call a meeting of the sugar beet workers this week. He was told the impression of those boys were an entirely different one from the ones he had already talked to. He would like the Councilmen to go to their respective blocks and explain to these workers especially the sugar beet workers the whole situation. In all fairness, he would like to meet these sugar beet worker, Daley Brothers workers, and U. S. Engineer workers.

Mr. Cornwall has stopped all workers from going out from today. Yesterday 28 left for Salt Lake City. Within a week or ten days, this policy could be set up.

VERNON ICHISAKA:

1) There is a necessity of having some kind of labor board. Call it a labor board for resettlement program. It is necessary in order to make some of the adjustments of some of the inconsistency that are going within our project. There is a need of adjustment workers so that they may be implied more effectively in other departments rather than where they are now. People going out: There has to be a considerable study by this board. Have a group of five persons who could be called labor analysts--part of the labor of Mr. Cornwall's office.

2) Labor problem is due to the labor shortage of some particular department. Whenever the department feels there is shortage in labor, the people who are working in there have to put more time. That is why the complaints are coming in. Suggestion: Have labor pool where each department can assign their workers to be placed on the labor pool. In case there is an emergency, these men can be called out for that work.

3) Setting up this policy: As it is now, we have no definite policy, but as the Chairman has mentioned, he is going to meet with the various groups and see their sides. That will take probably a few weeks.

4) Matter of whether we should form the trust fund to take care of the contribution or whatever we call the assesment for maintenance charge. That part will have to wait until the other committee on trust fund recommends a definite policy in regards to that. If that problem is carried on, one of the plans he believes that would be very good is the type that was suggested by Hi Bando which will be based on a plan similar to the income tax.

5) Need of education in regards to a general labor problem. In order to have the cooperation of all residents, the people should have a broad understanding of what the general setup is.

Dr. Ochikubo's suggestion on labor pool: This he believes would be temporary. He would like to have the maintenance crew take care of emergencies. Recommendation to the Placement office for--those who go out have to give ten days notice or so before they can go out.

Mr. Cornwall has placed another division in his office called, "Investigation."

Leave the details up the committee on the trust fund.

Clarke Harada believes that it is the duty of the government and WRA to provide the residents with clothing etc. There should not be any trust fund or taxation on the people.

Administrative Instruction No. 27: Such employees shall be required to deposit in a special fund to be known as the "Evacuee Trust Fund" to be held by three trustees chosen by the members of the work corps.

The Chairman would like to have a volunteer to take Vernon Ichisaka's place on the Committee of Labor while he is in Salt Lake City. Harry Konda has volunteered.

SAIKI MUNENO:

It is impossible for him to attend the Council meetings as he is a school teacher. He has turned in a resignation and ask that another election be held in his block #30. The Constitution has to be ratified, and he believes that the Councilman from Block #30 should have a voice in it. But the Constitution is to be ratified at the general election so he was asked to stay on until the general election. Councilman Muneno accepted to remain in office until the permanent officers are elected.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: (James Nishimura)

He thanked the committee who worked on the charter.

Branches of the Constitution:

- 1) Legislative--we have a legislative body known as the Council.
- 2) Judicial--we have a judicial body which is the Judicial Commission.
- 3) Executive--we have an executive body which is the City Manager.

The Chairman of the Constitution Committee read over the preliminary report of the charter. Some of the minority views were:

- 1) Name--constitution instead of charter.
- 2) Ward or at large instead of block.
- 3) Tax should be left out.

Details will be analyzed in the ordinances. Different viewpoints will be given by the members of the Council at the next meeting.

Ernest Iiyama suggested to put titles in the articles and sections. It is more convenient to look anything up.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

15th Session and Condensed form.

COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 1942
Fifteenth Session
2:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the acting Chairman, Ernest S. Iiyama.

COUNCILMEMEN ABSENT:

Vernon Ichisaka (in Salt Lake City), Hachiro Yuasa, Albert Kosakura (in the hospital), Kay Nishida (ill), Toshio Yoshida, Rayer Toki, Shinsaku Koyanagi, George Hagiwara, and Iwao Shimizu.

TAXES ON CIGARETTES:

In reply to the letter from the Council, the Attorney General of Utah asked that further information be given on the relation of the government in purchasing and distributing the cigarettes.

A letter is to be sent to the Attorney General of the United States asking clarification on this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Communications from the Council should be signed by the Chairman or the Executive Secretary of the Council. Recommendations from committees would come under this except when given authority to send out specific letters.

ALLOTMENT OF SPACE FOR OFFICES AND ACTIVITIES:

The Project Director, Assistant Project Director, and the Chief of the Community Services Division were selected as a committee to plan the allotment of space for offices and activities of this project at a meeting of the representatives of the various divisions. Their recommendations were to be based on the estimated needs as presented by the representatives.

Estimates as given by the committee are as follows:

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Project Reports (includes newspaper)-----4
Schools (including what they are using)-----43
Public Health (needs little explanation--idea was to
utilize another block in the setup)-----72
Project Attorney-----1
Internal Security-----6
Community Welfare-----12
Community Activities-----6 (offices)
Placement-----2
Chef Stewards-----1
Church Offices-----3
Library-----6

The total is 185--nearly three blocks. *The following* These moves will be more or less along the line of the final decision:

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- 5) Schools--Recreation 31, 37 in addition to their present occupancy.
- 6) Public Health--Block 1.
- 7) Project Attorney--Recreation Hall 4.
- 8) Internal Security--no change--Recreation 11.
- 9) Community Welfare--Recreation Halls 30 and 23--clothing added so there is expansion.
- 10) Community Activities--no change--Recreation 3.
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- 12) Chief Stewards--Recreation 4.
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- 14) Library--no change--Recreation 16.

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"	" 16-----	Library.
"	" 19-----	Canteen.
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"	" 22-----	Church and Community Activities.
"	" 23-----	Community Welfare.
"	" 26-----	Council and Block Managers.
"	" 27-----	Nursery School.
"	" 28-----	Church Activities.
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"	" 36-----	Community Activities.
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Recreation Hall	39	-----	Community Activities.
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"	"	41	-----Elementary School.
"	"	42	-----Community Activities.

DISCUSSION:

The Co-op mentioned that the Administrative Canteen Building was too far for the residents to go to and asked that they be more centrally located.

The Council accepted the plans as submitted by the Committee with the proviso that adjustments be made by an Adjustment Committee of the Council.

The following Councilmen were selected to be on this Committee: Vernon Ichisaka, Isamu Uyebara, Harry Konda, Jack Iizuka, Ernest S. Iiyama.

FUNDS FOR THE C.A.S.

The C.A.S. reported that they have no funds allotted to their division from the W.R.A.

The Council was asked to help raise funds for them.

After considerable discussion it was decided to have a committee look into this and make a recommendation to the Council.

The Committeemen are as follows: Tsune Baba, Shinji Yamamoto, and James Nishimura.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING
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Guests were Messrs. James F. Hughes, Lorne W. Bell, Fred Koba, Kim Obata, Tad Hikoyeda, Isamu Yamakawa, Toby Ogawa, Tamotsu Sakai, D. T. Uchida, and Gary Sugawara.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

FLAG FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBER:

Send in a requisition for the flag to be put in the Council Chamber. When we get the flag from the Delta Lions Club, we can return the flag that we borrowed.

LETTER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL OF UTAH ON TAXES ON CIGARETTES:

It will be necessary for him to get additional information about the system here before he can direct whether the cigarettes would be subject to taxes or not. The Chairmansuggested to write to the Attorney General of the United States and ask him for some information. Have Victor Abe send a letter to him.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Letters should be cleared through the Chairman or Secretary. This should be clear so that we will not get into trouble. Recommendations from various committees should come under this.

ALLOTMENT OF SPACES:

This was left up to Mr. Ernst, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Bell. Mr. Ernst was to represent the committee, but he was called out so Mr. Hughes is here to represent him. The department heads got together the other night and worked out a plan.

MR. HUGHES:

There is a question of recognizing the limitation of space; at the same time, recognizing the orders for the various activities, administrative and otherwise for necessary space. One of the primary objects was to distribute residential houses. It does mean the utilization of many recreation halls for various community activities. The estimation of each department was considered for space and location.

Findings:

Starting out, they asked representatives of every activity concerned for the estimate of their needs using it simply as a basis.

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Dining Hall #1 is larger than the ordinary dining halls. It is the largest building in the center. It might be used sometime for meetings. It will hold 400 or 500 people. He (Mr. Hughes) believes it should be used temporary for a diet kitchen for formulae.

TOBY OGAWA, MEMBER OF THE CO-OP:

They are thinking of the welfare of the people, the convenience of the people, not for money-making. If the shoe repairing, barber shop, and the store can be centrally located, it will be very convenient for the residents.

Tsune Baba suggested if it is not possible for the Co-op to get cooperation from the Motor Pool so they could go from block to block picking up the shoes. He believes the whole problem is the lack of space.

Mr. Hughes states that all of these departments are operated for the people and not operated by any individual department. Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. can go to the administrative building store; people on the west side can go to Block 1 store; people on the east side can go the canteen in Block 19 and 12. If the allotment of space is agreeable to all the departments now, then we can have some central board where we can plan shifting. If the school buildings are built, there will leave two whole blocks, and the building of administrative residential districts will vacate one block.

GARY SUGAWARA FROM THE CO-OP:

Service departments which concern the daily life of all the people should have access. They have the shoe repairing, laundry service, cleaning service, radio service, etc. which will gradually be of service to all the residents in this community. Today he formed a group of three men to repair radios for the residents. Should we have all these services done in a corner or in the centers where the people want it. At present, they are not able to offer these services because of the lack of space.

Mr. Hughes stated that these moves were made pretty suddenly. It was not an idea of plan. They have not the physical structure to do so. It is a compromise plan for the next four months until some of the new construction get under way.

Karl Akiya suggested to have a system of buses so they can pick up the people who wish to go to the stores and back.

Mr. Hughes stated that their plan is to get two buses. He does not know whether they can get the buses because there are priorities on these and also the tires.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES--FRED KOBA:

In behalf of the Community Activities Section, he believes the Community Activities Section has a definite space. He believes they take a minor role in carrying out any activities. They have the immediate necessities. He is aware that the departments want to expand their spaces. They don't mind losing of the buildings--they can be located in a few; but if and when the people become restless in their blocks, they cannot do anything because their hands are tied.

In regards to the churches, the Buddhist Service is being held outdoors on Sundays. The Christian Service is being held in Dining Hall 41. (Adults) The Christian Young Group is having their services in Dining Hall 32 on Sundays.

The Chairman stated that under the setup that we have now temporary, we will have to use the facilities that we are using now, and what we have to think of is to use the facilities the best way that we can. All the department representatives were at the meeting, and they gave opinions and told just what amount of space they needed. It was left up to the three administrative heads to decide this. So actually all the departments were in on this. Space seems to be all right at this time, but the location is not satisfactory.

Gary Sugawara would like to know if we can have a little assurance of when we can get the buildings completed.

Mr. Hughes stated they are trying and pushing as much as they can. They have been fighting four months for schools and essential buildings such as garages, machine shops, etc, which were promised to everybody before they got here. They are doing the best they can, but when they can get them is the question. The moves are not binding.

James Nishimura stated that service to the people is very essential. It must be centrally located.

It must be centralized as much as possible. Since all this is temporary, although it might handicap some of the people, he suggested to have the Co-op Department come into Recreation Hall 26, and the Block Managers and the Council can move into the Canteen section at the Administrative building. He would like to recommend to the fellow Councilmen that we should recommend this particular issue so that we can solve this problem.

FORMING A COMMITTEE:

The Chairman stated that allocation of space is satisfactory to everyone at this time. Council could set up a committee to look into this further and see if they can have inter-changes. We can accept the plan by the committee as it is and have a committee set up in the Council and see if space cannot be used more efficiently.

Harry Konda made a motion that the Council accept the plans submitted by the Committee of Messrs. Ernst, Hughes, and Bell, and recommend that all departments accept the spaces allocated to them, and that the Council set up a committee which will look into possible readjustments until such time a permanent setup is made. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Councilmen appointed to be on the committee are Vernon Ichisaka, Isamu Uyehara, Harry Konda, Jack Iizuka, and the Chairman himself. (Ernest Iiyama)

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (Tad Hikoyeda)

So far all the expenses that have existed have been going out from individual pockets of the department members.

He believes that children should have a closer place to play than the older people going to the canteens. Major activities to be carried on in this center must come from the City Council, from taxation, or through the Co-op through the funds set up. He asked for a budget to be carried on the activities. In order to carry on any type of activity, it is known that money is needed. Some money is needed immediately. He asked if the Council can look into the Co-op or taxation for immediate funds for the CAS to carry on. Raffle, for instance he found out is illegal in the State of Utah. He would appreciate it very much if the Council can give the CAS immediate funds to carry on the programs.

Tsune Baba suggested to raise CAS funds on a membership basis by paying dues, but Tad Hikoyeda states that Paragraph 5 Section 4 of the Administrative Instruction said that annual dues are not to exceed 25 cents, and they cannot do anything with so small an amount.

Dr. George Ochikubo suggested to have the Councilmen call a block meeting in their respective blocks, and explain to the residents of the block the situation for immediate funds needed, and perhaps there will be enough funds collected for the immediate funds that are needed through donations.

Eiichi Sato suggested to have a Shibai and ask for donations.

The Chairman would like to see the people taxed as least as possible--look into every other possibility first and if nothing

can be done, go to the people.

\$50 or \$75 is the amount for immediate funds stated Tad Hikoyeda.

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion to set up a committee on finance and have the committee meet with the CAS and see what can be done in raising the funds. The motion has been seconded and unanimously carried. Members on this committee will be Tsune Baba, Shinji Yamamoto, and James Nishimura.

KIBEI QUESTION: (Shiro Shibata)

They are trying to solve the problem of Kibeis. They have organized a Kibei group so there will be better understanding between Niseis, Kibeis, and the Isseis. Most of the Kibeis are far away from their family. The life here greatly handicaps them. The main purpose of this organization is to lead these Kibeis into the community life in Topaz.

Bob Iki stated that Mr. Ernst wanted to know what the problem was about these Kibeis. There are more Kibeis in this center than any other centers. Mr. Ernst wanted two points to be stressed: 1) This group is not a group to set the Kibeis off, but rather as a group to put the Kibeis in with the community; 2) This group not composed of the Kibeis but for the Kibeis.

A counsel of 15 members (15 outstanding Kibei leaders) was elected. This counsel is supposed to get together (more or less a stirring committee) and formulate a plan. This plan will be submitted to the Council. After the plan has been approved or disapproved by the Council, they would come back to Mr. Ernst.

KARL AKIYA:

He gave a few points on the Kibei organization. He would like the Council to make official recommendation to the Administration. Their future should be considered as American citizens and not as Kibeis. They have the hope that if they carry out some educational side to educate all the Kibeis, he is sure all the Kibeis will assimilate into the American way of life. It should be solved by the help of the Niseis and Isseis. He hopes the Council will consider this matter very carefully and give them the support and let all the Kibeis assimilate the American way of living.

All of the Councilmen will be the committee. This subject will be tabled for the next meeting.

REPORT BY CLARKE HARADA:

A boy, Kazuo Date, working for the Daley Brothers was hurt in an accident (chimney fell on him). He was not working within the project, and the resident doctors believe he has a possible skull fracture. It is really a case for Dr. Berg, and he is not in Delta. Dr. Ramsey does not know what to do with the case and neither do the resident doctors.

The boy should be treated as to the best of the residents doctors' abilities until the compensation doctor comes.

Dr. Ochikubo suggested that the Council get a set of Administrative Instruction books.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

16th
Session and
condensed form.

COUNCIL MEETING
November 23, 1942
Sixteenth Session
2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the acting Chairman, Ernest S. Iiyama.

COUNCILMEN ABSENT WERE:

Vernon Ichisaka (in Salt Lake City), Albert Kosakura (ill), Kay Nishida (ill), James Hirabayashi, Shinji Yamamoto, Harry Tawa, and George Ikeda.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE STRUCTURE (C.S.D.)

The recommendation of the committee to set up a temporary Advisory Board of the C.S.D. was accepted.

The Advisory Board will consist of 24 members. The composition will be as follows;

	Children	Youth	Adults
Education	2	2	2
Comm. Act.	2	2	2
Comm. Welf.	2	2	2
Health	2	2	2

Names are to be submitted to the Council for approval upon the following qualifications:

- a) Public minded.
- b) Broad understanding of problems of the people.
- c) Fair Minded.
- d) Should not be on the staff of C.S.D.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

A committee to set up temporary rules and regulations for Topaz was appointed by the Council. Members are Councilmen James Nishimura, Masato Maruyama, Tsune Baba, Vernon Ichisaka, and Hachiro Yuasa. Victor Abe and Shozo Tsuchida are to assist.

KIBEI ACTIVITIES

After considerable discussion, it was decided that a resolution approving the organization of activities for the Kibels be drawn up and presented at the next meeting of the Council. The activities are to be primarily for the Kibels but to be open to anyone who is interested in the program and activities.

Members of the committee to draw up this resolution are Tsune Baba (Chairman), Karl Akiya, and Ernest S. Iiyama.

DEDICATION OF THE BELL

The Executive Secretary is to represent the Council and speak at the ceremony to dedicate the bell.

Executive Secretary,

Ernest S. Iiyama

COUNCIL MEETING
November 23, 1942
Sixteenth Session
2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the acting Chairman, Ernest S. Iiyama. Councilmen absent were Vernon Ichisaka, Albert Kosakura, Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Shinji Yamamoto, Harry Tawa, John Iwatsu, Jack Iizuka, Shinsaku Koyanagi, Iwao Shimizu, and George Ikeda.

The condensed minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

SPECIAL MEETING:

A special meeting will be held tomorrow night from 7:30 p.m. at the Community Government office, Recreation Hall #26 pertaining to the Constitution.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE REPORT: (Masato Maruyama)

He gave the minutes of the last meeting that they held which was on November 16. The main things discussed on were Community Welfare, Community Activities, Education, and Health. Their duty is to study the vital phase of community life. If the Advisory Board is formed, they can really do a lot to the community. The way this Board will work: There will be a regular body probably with an Executive Secretary who will be on a paid basis. Any problem in regards to the community, for instance, youth problem, this Board will hear it with the members of the Administrative staff sitting in and whatever step it will take, it will have to go to the Council since this Board is the sanction of the Council. Membership in this Advisory Board was 36 but reduced to 28. Recommendation of the committee is to have this body set up immediately.

Tsune Baba would like to have the matter dropped for a time being because they would not know what kind of a committee to set up, and this Board may conflict with some of the things they are contemplating.

Masato Maruyama states the purpose of this committee is that the Administration wants to work in a more closer contact with the people. This Advisory Board will sit in with the meetings represented by the Administration. Before the Administration decided to carry out anything, this Advisory Board will sit in and give advice. In this way, the people will have a chance to say something.

Masato Maruyama made a motion that the Council form a temporary Advisory Board immediately and decisions of the Advisory Board of the Community Services Division be subject to the approval of the Council. James Nishimura seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Masato Maruyama suggested that the three Councilmen on the Committee on Committees serve as the committee to look into this.

Harry Konda suggests that the committee submit to the Council a structure. Then this matter will be thought about for a while.

The Chairman stated that the committee should make clear: 1) The setup of the committee, 2) Subcommittee under this.

Organizational setup:

It calls for six people interested in Education.
It calls for six people interested in Community Activities.
It calls for six people interested in Community Welfare.
It calls for six people interested in Health.

Two of these six people will be put on a subcommittee concerned with the children. Two of the six will be on the committee on youth, and two of the six will be on the committee on adults.

Tsune Baba made a motion that the personnel of this board be elected by secret vote of 3/4 of the Councilmen present. James Nishimura seconded the motion, and it has been unanimously carried.

Suggested by Hachiro Yuasa that people who are not in the Community Services Division be appointed.

The Chairman stated that the person appointed should have a broad view of things and be fair-minded.

Dr. Ochikubo stated that they should have public spirit.

MR. BELL:

Stated that it was brought to Mr. Ernst's attention that even though on a temporary basis, it seems essential that the Judiciary Commission or the Council set up some rules--things that might later on evolve into ordinances.

James Nishimura made a motion that the Council enact immediately so that the Judicial function of the city government can follow the temporary ordinances and laws regulated by this legislative body and follow the rules governed by the Administrative Instruction No. 34 to form a temporary committee of five. Dr. Ochikubo seconded it and the motion was unanimously carried.

Administrative Instruction No. 24 states:

- 1) Judicial Commission shall hear outside felonious cases on criminal nature.
- 2) Finding of the Judicial will be presented to Mr. Ernst as the finding of the people, and he must act within 24 hours.
- 3) He has the power to remand and in case of remand, he will state why he remanded it, and there will be another hearing.

Have the Constitutional committee work on this. They will be James Nishimura, Masato Maruyama, Tsune Baba, Vernon Ichisaka, Hachiro Yuasa who was appointed to be on this committee. Victor Abe and Shozo Tsuchida will assist.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND:

This will be taken up at the next meeting.

LABOR COMMITTEE:

This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

KIBEI QUESTION:

Shiro Shibata;

For the welfare of the Kibei and Niseis, this problem is very much handicapped. They have proposed for an organization on account of this. This problem came up since that small incident that came up in this camp among the Kibeis. From this incident, the block residents started talking about this organization for the welfare of the Kibeis. He would like to see the Council take up this matter very seriously and see that this is done on a camp-wide basis and lead these Kibeis into the community life.

Ernest Iiyama:

This Kibei problem came up in Tanforan. For various reasons, the Kibeis didn't have any activities that they could go into because of the restrictions of the Japanese language. Because of this, they were frustrated; and some of the Kibei leaders got together and tried to work out a program where they could form an organization. They got together and talked to various other leaders and finally had a gathering. At this meeting, a committee was set up for different localities. Then there was a social after this. This was before the Japanese language restriction was done. They had to get an okeh and to have an okeh, they had to submit everything in the line of their program. The individual participating had to be the same person; no substitute was allowed to take the place. They finally got one program, and it was pretty successful. The committee wanted to continue these activities when they came in here. On the other hand, this problem came up because of the incident that happened in this center and came up in the Social Welfare Division. Now they have a member of 15 working on the committee to plan out programs for the activities. Urge them to go to Nisei activities. What they want to do is to draw out these persons who do not go to the Nisei activities because of their background, English language, etc. For this reason, they wanted to open this organization for the Kibeis, not only the Kibeis, but to any other who is interested in this organization. The minute they say this, a person gets the impression that Kibeis are just one; they are just as diversified as anyone in any other groups. This is important because among the Kibeis, "Seinenkais" are formed. These organizations will come up anyway whether they are official or unofficial.

Karl Akiya:

He was one of the working members on the survey. One of the interesting cases he ran across was: One man graduated from a University of Japan. His occupational preference is to be a cook so Mr. Akiya wanted to know why he wanted to be a cook. A lot of these Kibeis who are able to participate in the community activities are not participating because of their lack of the English language or through some other lack. So he believes that Kibeis should be Americanized. Organizational setup is very necessary. The first Kibei convention was held in San Francisco last year. Americanization was adopted. Unfortunately the war broke out, and they could not continue this convention outcome. So he would like to appeal these Kibeis who participated in the convention because he is sure, they would have liked to keep up with these conventions if war had not started.

Toshio Yoshida:

He hopes the Council will take action.

Tsune Baba:

As a government he believes that the Council do not have the right to say whether they can set up an organization or not, but the Council should pass a resolution expressing our sympathy with their problem.

James Nishimura:

Such an organization is important and that they are not going to be subversive, but to Americanize the so-called Kibeis, he believes this type of resolution is most important. This is the only authority that the Council has.

Set up a committee of three to write out this resolution. They are Tsune Baba--Chairman, Karl Akiya, and Ernest Iiyama.

The resolution will be brought up at the next meeting and be subject to the approval of the Council.

CONSTITUTION:

Meaning of charter: A formal official power from the sovereign power of the state or country bestowing or guaranteeing certain rights and privileges.

Meaning of constitution: Act or mold of establishing, forming, appointing, or enacting--form with voluntary pledge.

Masato Maruyama made a motion that we call this document the City Charter. Paul Fujii seconded the motion.

Ernest Iiyama was against the motion. He believes that we are building this ourselves. We are building this up from the people, and as Mr. Nishimura mentioned, constitution means we build up, and the charter is something handed over to us. It is his belief that we are building this city and for that reason, it should be called a constitution and not a charter.

Masato Maruyama, considering the fact that this is known as the City of Topaz, he believes we never had a chance to go active part in the local city government, and basing his theory on that and since we are getting an opportunity to run a city government, he would like to have it as identical as much as possible.

~~Tsune~~ Tsune Baba stated that Mr. O'Brien stressed that the proper word to be used would be charter for a city this size so he believed charter should be used instead of constitution.

Ernest Iiyama stated that we are an organization more or less and not a city. We are building this up as members of the organization. If we have a feeling of building things up from the bottom, our whole attitude is going to change.

Roll call voting was done in the motion that Masato Maruyama had made. Fourteen members voted "no"

Hachiro Yuasa
Ernest S. Iiyama
Toshio Yoshida
Harry Konda
Mas Sakakihara
Isamu Uyehara
Dr. George Ochikubo
George Hoshide
Shiro Shibata
Saiki Muneno
Taketoshi Yamamoto
Rayer Toki
Hiroshi Watanabe
Karl Akiya

Seven members voted "yes"

Paul Fujii
Eiichi Sato
Clarke Harada
James Nishimura
Tsune Baba
Masato Maruyama
George Hagiwara

So the document will be called the Constitution.

BELL DEDICATION:

Ernest S. Iiyama will represent the Council at the dedication of the bell ceremony.

MEETING ON COAL:

Dr. George Ochikubo, Chairman of the Labor Committee, will attend the meeting at 5:30 p.m. today.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

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COUNCIL MEETING
November 27, 1942
Seventeenth Session
2:25 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the acting Chairman, Ernest S. Iiyama.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hachiro Yuasa, Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, Shinji Yamamoto, Harry Tawa (ill), Eiichi Sato, John Iwatsu, Rayer Toki, Iwao Shimizu.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

1. Hospital Committee made a report expressing the need of basic essentials for the hospital operations.

A memorandum was sent to the Project Director expressing the urgency of obtaining these necessities and asking for their assistance to acquire these.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

A memorandum was received from the Chief of the Community Services Division stating that:

"The feeling of the Project Director is that the responsibility for a Board of Review for exhibition of motion pictures, and also for the type of magazines to be sold on the news-stand in the store is that of the Community Council."

The Council recommended that the censorship be as specified by the Federal Government and also by common sense of the residents.

CONSTITUTION:

The Council discussed and redrafted some parts of the Constitution which were submitted by the drafting committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING
November 27, 1942
Seventeenth Session
2:25 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the acting Chairman, Ernest S. Iiyama.

Councilmen absent were Hachiro Yuasa, Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, Shinji Yamamoto, Harry Tawa (ill), Eiichi Sato, John Iwatsu, Rayer Toki, and Iwao Shimizu.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE: (Clarke Harada)

Memorandum to Mr. Ernst from the fact-finding committee:

" November 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

Dr. W. S. Ramsey
Chief Medical Officer

FROM: Community Council
Fact-Finding Committee

SUBJECT: Need of basic essentials for hospital
operation.
(1) Blood Plasma
(2) Serologic examination facilities
(3) Blood donors

The 15th day of November, 1942, was a history making day for the Central Utah WRA Project Hospital. For the first time in its two months and four days of existence, the hospital that protects the health of a population eight thousand came into possession of blood plasma--a standard item in the smallest of hospitals. For this, we will be eternally grateful to certain members of the Topaz Administrative Staff--for its delay and apparent unconcern of its importance, again we look to the Administrative Staff--but to certain other members.

On the 9th of November a hysterectomy was performed on one Mrs. Satsuki Kanzaki. At 6:00 p.m. Saturday (14th) the patient's homoglobin count dropped to 46 %. To all appearances, the drop was due to the post-operative condition. It was noted that on the previous day it had been 50% and that the count was on the down-grade. The attending physicians were in accord that a blood transfusion was necessary and urgent. As a routine measure, the doctors foresaw that blood would be needed and made an appeal for voluntary blood donors through the Topaz daily paper, which incidently was not printed, and through the Block Managers. The response was negligible--and therefore on the night of the transfusion was to be performed, upon finding that what donors that were on record and unsuitable, Dr. Harada and his colleagues attempted to find voluntary donors who were Wasserman negative (as we have no facilities to perform serologic tests) to be typed and matched. To facilitate matters,

Dr. Russell WeHara, a personal friend of the Kanzaki family was recruited to aid in finding possible donors.

About 10:30 p.m. on the same evening in the Caucasian quarters, Mr. Clarke Harada, a member of the Topaz Community Council, with special delegation to investigate conditions and grievances related to the hospital, was meeting with Mr. James Jennings, Placement Officer, and Mr. Irvin Hull, Project Reports Division, and acting Project Director in the absence of Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director; Mr. J. F. Hughes, Assistant Director, and Mr. Lorne Bell, Head of Community Activities. Their conversation centered on the failure of hospital news to reach the residents through the medium of the daily journal. Mr. Hull being closely associated with the Topaz Times was sympathetic with the fruitless efforts of the hospital to make a blanket appeal to the residents to volunteer this vital and urgent service. In their conversation, Mr. Hull pledged his wholehearted effort to rectify this situation as his authority allowed. In this opportune moment, as a last resort, Dr. Harada and Dr. WeHara arrived to voice an appeal to the acting Project Director. On hearing of the emergency at hand, Mr. Jennings voiced his willingness to give blood to Mrs. Kanzaki, thinking that his type was that of the patient. On examination it was discovered that Mr. Jennings' type was #2 and not #4 as that of Mrs. Kanzaki's. Mr. Jennings then suggested that certain members of the Administrative Staff were available and that he felt sure that these gentlemen would be more than willing to aid in this emergency. Five members generously responded to our request. They were Mr. William Hunter, Procurement Officer; Mr. Gilbert Niesse, Administrative Division; Mr. George Reed, Cost Accountant; Mr. Arthur Eaton, Housing; and Mr. Gerald Doezie, Property Clerk. Of the group, only one, the blood that of Mr. Hunter was of the required type. Upon further examination it was found that the cross agglutination was satisfactory. Although Mr. Hunter's blood was identical with that of Mrs. Kanzaki's the question of serological examination was brought up and unfortunately Mr. Hunter was hazy as to when last had a Wasserman performed. With that, Mr. Hunter complained that his condition wasn't up to par as of late. With time elapsing with yet no help for the patient, we were back where we had started.

As a last resort, it was suggested that blood plasma be sent from Salt Lake City. In his great concern for Mrs. Kanzaki's condition, Dr. Russell WeHara generously insisted that he would defray the whole expense of the transportation and the cost of the plasma--in the event that the WRA had made no provisions to meet such an emergency. At this, Mr. Hull gave his consent to telephone Salt Lake City and made all arrangements to facilitate such a plan. Finally, about 3:00 o'clock, Dr. Harada contacted Dr. E. Hashimoto, Instructor of Anatomy at the University of Utah and a practicing physician in Salt Lake City, and asked of him to buy the needed plasma and to insure its speedy delivery to Topazy City. At 6:00 a.m., Mr. Scotty Tsuchiya, a personal friend of Dr. WeHara's and a Mr. George Inagaki arrived in Topaz with three vials (250cc each) of the life saving fluid. For their 80 miles an hour mission though a duststorm, we, as well as Mrs. Kanzaki cannot express enough gratitude. At 6:30 the patient was given the plasma--and since has shown marked improvement.

This illustration all too vividly the need for a thorough airing of conditions, that are undermining the efficient operation of the center hospital at the risk of endangering the very lives of 8,000. It illustrates too clearly the lack of certain drugs and apparatus needed to per-

form the most basic functions.

We hope that this appeal will find more active response than in the past. Once again, may we express our soul-felt thanks to those, instrumental in aiding Mrs. Kanzaki's improvement.

Gentlemen, our request is not for a plastic surgery setup--nor are asking facilities for research--our first and last request is to be given the drugs and tools for which hands were trained--merely to sustain life.

Yours very sincerely,

Community Council, Fact-Finding Committee"

LETTER Mr. R. J. Jennings received a letter from Mr. Irvin Hull, Chief Project Reports Division to release or transfer Clarke Harada who was working in his section of the department. Clarke Harada received a carbon copy of this letter, and also was asked verbally by Mr. Hull to resign from his job. It seemed that his work in the hospital committee was the cause of his release. Dr. Hirota will be responsible for this matter and talk to Mr. Ernst and Mr. Hull's successor.

Clarke Harada would like to resign from his position on the committee, but Dr. Hirota is to straighten this out before any action is taken.

Tsune Baba suggested that Clarke Harada and the hospital committee write a letter to Mr. Hunter and tell him that they did not actually mean the statement that was written in the letter. Write letter of apology to him with carbon copies to whomever were concerned in this matter.

Hereafter, we will have all communications submitted to the Council and if it is an emergency that have to go out immediately, contact the Chairman or the Executive Secretary or who is acting in the Chairman's capacity.

The recommendations would then be recommendations from the Council as a whole.

MR. BELL:

"Los Angeles Times" a few mornings ago had a tremendous scaring headline of the matter that happened in Poston. Mr. Ernst is trying to get a report in the regional office upon what actually happened. He was wondering whether the Council would like to have the Chairman or a member of the Council write to the Chairman of the Council at Poston and find out what the case was. We would like to avoid some of those things from happening here.

Karl Akiya suggested that the Council get facts about it as suggested by Mr. Bell and get it in the "Topaz Times." He stated that a lot of the residents have heard about this already.

Ernest Iiyama stated perhaps individuals could get in contact with a friend there and perhaps relay the contents of the letter to the newspaper. He believes that it is a serious case no doubt, and he does not think we should officially let it out, but we should consider this.

James Nishimura believes it is the matter of the press.

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. BELL: On November 27, 1942

"Dr. Carl Hirota, Chairman
Community Council
Topaz, Utah

Dear Dr. Hirota:

Several times, Community Enterprises has suggested that one of the sections in the Community Services Division be responsible to act as a Board of Review or census for magazines and movies in Topaz.

The feeling of the Project Director, Mr. Charles F. Ernst, is that the responsibility for a Board of Review for exhibition of motion pictures, and also for the type of magazines to be sold on the news-stand in the store is that of the Community Council.

We will appreciate it deeply if you will present this to the Council in order that they may seriously consider the implications for the total community, both young and old alike,

Cordially yours,

Lorne W. Bell,
Chief Community Services Division"

Tsune Baba stated that this place should be considered as any other place as in San Francisco or Los Angeles. As for the censorship on anything, he would like to have the government handle it.

Answer Mr. Bell and leave it up to him to discuss with the Community Enterprise section.

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. LORNE W. BELL: On November 27, 1942

"Dr. Carl Hirota, Chairman
Community Council
Topaz, Utah

My dear Dr. Hirota:

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you and the members of the Council on the developing Block Advisory committees, which some of the Councilmen are developing. This is in line with the best in American traditions which helps to develop neighborliness and makes possible legislative action, growing out of the best thinking of responsible residents at the neighborhood level.

With this in mind, there has come to my desk a proposal entitled

"Wanted - an Adequate Social Organization in Each Block." Undoubtedly, the Council will recognize that this is what someone is already doing, but because this type of neighborhood development is essential, the Council might want to consider seriously recommending such a plan to each Councilman.

I should be happy to know what action the Council takes on this general proposal.

Cordially yours,

Lorne W. Bell, Chief
Community Services Division"

LABOR REPORT FOR THE NEXT MEETING BY DR. GEORGE OCHIKUBO.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND FOR THE NEXT MEETING BY TSUNE BABA.

DR. OCHIKUBO:

Dr. George Ochikubo is to stay in the Council until the general election. The members of the Council, Mike Maruyama, Tsune Baba, and James Nishimura volunteered to go to the meeting not representing as Councilmen but as individuals. At that time they stated what Dr. Ochikubo had done for the Labor Committee and the Council. Under any circumstances, he should not resign. James Nishimura clearly stated that Dr. Ochikubo had 100 per cent background from the block he represents.

CONSTITUTION:

Hiroshi Watanabe made a motion that on any issue the majority vote will rule. It has been seconded and unanimously carried.

James Nishimura stated that this Council is not a religious organization, but a law body. If this is a legislative body and a body to make laws let's make law. He received a letter from Mr. Edwin E. Ferguson, the Regional Attorney and he gave different forms pertaining to the charter. This is a charter, a charter to organize a city of this size. Under this charter, we are recommended to incorporate within the state of Utah. Try to form this city as uniform as any other city in the State of Utah. The first issue is whether we should call this a charter or constitution.

James Nishimura made a motion that the previous motion of the last meeting of calling this the Constitution will be amended to read the Charter of the City of Topaz. Motion was seconded by George Hagiwara. It was voted in standing vote and there were eight members who voted for the motion and ten members who voted against the motion. So this document will be called the Constitution.

PREAMBLE:

We, the people of Topaz, hereby recognizing the basic principles of human rights and our self-determination as exemplified in this democratic form of government; in order to insure equality and justice, to promote the general welfare, and to aid in our moral, spiritual, and economic development; do ordain and establish this Constitution of Topaz, County of Millard, State of Utah.

ARTICLE I - LEGISLATIVE

SECTION 1.

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the Council of Topaz.

SECTION 2. Composition

The Chairman suggested that the Composition should be divided in paragraphs. James Nishimura made a motion that the Composition of our Constitution Section 2--Paragraph A will be adopted on the basis that we have discussed. Motion was seconded.

Karl Akiya made a motion that Paragraph B of Section 2 read thus, "a member of the Council shall be a citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 21 years." Albert Kosakura seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

James Nishimura made a motion to retract the original motion of Section 2 Paragraph A in favor of the following: "The Council shall be composed of members elected semi-annually from wards within the community composed of 4 or fewer blocks each.

Vernon Ichisaka made a motion that the ward shall be represented in proportion to the number of inhabited blocks. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried. (Pertaining to Section 2 Paragraph C.

SECTION 3. Selection

Paragraph A is okeh. Any person who has attained the age of 18 years will be eligible to vote.

and it has been seconded,

Albert Kosakura made a motion that we keep Paragraph B to be read as follows: "There shall be a general election of the members of the Council on the 14th day following the ratification of this Constitution." Motion was unanimously carried.

Paragraph C and D to be switched around. Paragraph C to read, "The term of a member of the Council shall be for six months." Paragraph D to read, "The ensuing elections for the members of the Council shall be conducted on the Tuesday two weeks prior to the new term."

Paragraph C amended as follows: "The term of a member of the Council shall be for six months commencing not later than seven days after the general election."

PERTAINING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL:

All recommendations from the Council--the Council wish them to recognize it. Write memorandum about action pertaining to Block #2 sign. Also other recommendations given previously that have not been acted upon.

Meeting Adjourned.

5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

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COUNCIL MEETING
November 30, 1942
Eighteenth Session

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, George Hoshida, Taketoshi Yamamoto, Rayer Toki, Shinsaku Koyanagi, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, and George Ikeda.

COMMUNICATION:

A letter of appreciation is to be sent to the Salt Lake City J.A.C.L. for sending celery to the residents of Topaz.

COMMUNITY TRUST FUND:

The Chairman reported that the new WRA policy is to have no Workers Trust Fund in the Relocation Centers.

MERIT RATING BOARD:

The Council accepted the recommendation of the Labor Fact-Finding Committee to appoint a Merit Rating Board of seven members. A full-time secretary is also to be assigned to this Board.

The members of the Board are to be appointed at the next meeting.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE PROCEDURE:

Upon the recommendation of the Labor Fact-Finding Committee, a Fair Employment Practice Procedure and a Fair Practice Committee is to be established.

There shall be one representative from each department to serve on this committee.

CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution was finally accepted by the Council.

The Constitution is to be submitted to the Judiciary Commission for their advice, then submitted to the Project Director and then to the people for ratification.

Translation of the Constitution into Japanese will be done by the following committee:

Shigeru Kosakura, Karl Akiya, James Nishimura, Toshio Yoshida, Iwao Shimizu, and Shigeru Yamamoto.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING
November 30, 1942
Eighteenth Session
2:20 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota. Council members absent were Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Masaaki Sakakihara, George Hoshida, Taketoshi Yamamoto, Rayer Toki, Shinsaku Koyanagi, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, and George Ikeda.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

COMMUNITY TRUST FUND:

The Chairman stated that there will be no Community Trust Fund. New WRA policy was issued stating this. The Chairman had sent a telegram to Mr. Ernst and had asked Mr. Ernst or someone to come to the Council and explain about the new WRA policy changes. The telegram was to be shown to Bob Iki or Ernest Iiyama, but neither of them had seen it as yet.

Note: Send a letter of thanks to the Salt Lake City J.A.C.L. thanking them for the celery that was sent into the residents of Topaz. Send it to Dr. Jun Kurumata, President of the J.A.C.L. chapter.

BLOCK MANAGERS' OFFICES:

The Chairman stated that in his block, the space allotted to the Block Managers' office is creating some furor. (Office in the dining hall.) He wanted to know the opinions of the residents in the other blocks, but some of the blocks had already made the Block Managers' offices in the dining halls already.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LABOR FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE TO THE COUNCIL:

November 29, 1942

"MEMORANDUM TO: The Community Council

FROM: Labor Fact-Finding Committee

SUBJECT: 1. Merit Rating Board
2. Fair Employment Practice Procedure

In conjunction with Administrative Instruction No. 27 and supplements thereto, and in view of our investigation, this Committee urges an immediate establishment of regulations for a Merit Rating Board and a Fair Employment Practice Procedure. The Committee recommends that the Council arrange its agenda in such a way so as to submit its recommendation to the Project Director by Monday, December 7, 1942. Recommendations are as follows:

I Merit Rating Board

- A. Number of persons on board; seven to be appointed by the Community Council.
- B. To develop and install an efficient rating system.
- C. Qualifications for employment outside:
 1. Must satisfy a minimum of three continuous months' work under WRA wage schedule. (Work record period to start as of September 11, 1942. Credit shall

be given for work done with WCCA between the period of September 11, 1942 prior to arrival in Topaz.)

2. All former residents who are out on temporary furlough shall be granted a visiting period of seven days. All those who overstay that period shall come under provisions herein.
- D. It shall act as an investigating and bargaining body concerning outside employment.
- E. Such outside workers shall have the privilege to designate this board as their representative in settling disputes arising among themselves and their employers. This board shall collaborate with the responsible administrative officers.
- F. Evacuees working outside shall be requested to report back periodically actual working conditions.

II Fair Employment Practice Procedure

- A. Procedure relates only to complaints regarding employment, working rules, and employment compensation.
- B. Seven members to be elected from among Work Corps for a term of six months. At least one committee member shall be elected from agricultural, professional, industrial, and mess employees.
- C. The committee shall elect its chairman to be designated as Fair Practice Chairman from among its members. He shall devote full time and shall be compensated by the WRA as a member of group III. He shall conduct investigation of all cases coming to his attention. He shall keep records of the activities of the committee which shall be open to inspection by anyone concerned.
- D. Any evacuee employee may report in writing any employment complaints to the committee or to any of its members. After investigation and consultations with the parties concerned, if a satisfactory solution cannot be effected, then a written statement of the case shall be prepared and presented to the Project Employment Officer for his action. Appeal may be taken from the action of the Employment Officer to the Project Director, whose decision shall be final."

James Nishimura made a motion that we urge or appoint a Merit Rating Board composing of seven members among the electors of Topaz and also assign a full-time paid evacuee secretary who is qualified for this position. Tsune Baba seconded the motion, and it has been unanimously carried.

The Chairman asked that the Labor Committee present a list of seven names whom they think are capable of serving on this Board. Other members of the Council can give some names whom they think are qualified.

Dr. Ochikubo stated that the Fair Employment Practice Procedure should be set up immediately because there are some adjustments to be made in various departments, and some are more or less hesitant in

approaching their foremen that the adjustments are not made as readily.

Vernon Ichisaka made a motion that we establish a Fair Employment Practice Procedure Board to take care of our present difficulties. The motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

Find out what departments are in existence. Send a letter to Mr. Ernst, and after his approval--from Mr. Hughes's office probably, the notices will go to the various departments. The departments can get together and get their representatives and have a meeting.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND:

The Committee (James Nishimura, Shinji Yamamoto, and Tsune Baba) found out that there was an appropriation for the CAS. The report is as follows:

November 20, 1942

"MEMORANDUM TO: Community Council, Topaz, Utah

FROM: Committee of Investigation on Community Activities Fund

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation and Disposal

The Committee met at the Administration Building A on the morning of November 20, 1942; and contacted Messrs. Nichols, Reed, and Marstella, Fiscal Accountant, Cost Accountant, and Jr. Cost Accountant, respectively, to ascertain whether any fund was appropriated for the Community Activities.

We found that on the proposed project budget for the quarter ending December 31, 1942, the sum of \$14,127.00 was allocated to the Community Activities; however re-adjustment on the basis of approved appropriation was not as yet done. The proposed allocation of \$14,127.00 was assigned as follows:

Personal Service, Japanese	\$6,500.00
Travel	12.00
Communication Service	15.00
Supplies and Materials	2,400.00
Equipment	<u>5,200.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,127.00</u>

We were told that the reports coming in from the heads of various divisions were used as the basis for making the budget.

We took the findings to the headquarters of the Community Activities and left the entire matter in their hands for them to do whatever they see fit with it.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee:
Shinji Yamamoto
James Nishimura
Tsuneichiro Baba"

Mr. Bell stated that there is no way for the government to get the funds for the CAS. He hopes and suggests that the Council would see a way in which they might help the Community Activities resident staff finance some of the petty cash demands. He found a paragraph in the manual in the Procurement Office that the government does have responsibility for providing and insuring outdoor equipment.

The Chairman stated that it would be bad for the Council to try to help the CAS by trying to raise funds for them because other departments would have the same right and may ask the Council to raise funds for them. Direct a letter to the CAS that we would appreciate along with a budget some proposals and recommendations that the CAS group might have as a staff for us.

Tsune Baba stated that the method of procedure for the CAS is to make a requisition to the Fiscal Department.

GRAVELING THE WALKS:

Shinji Yamamoto stated that the Agricultural Division is having trouble graveling the walks because the laborers in their division are very busy now doing the trees. By the time they scrape the walks and gravel it, it will be summer. He suggested to the department that they put in temporary walks, but there is not enough labor for this. If there was labor, temporary three feet walks can be made with the scraping.

Talk informally to the department and see if they cannot start the graveling before they do the trees. Talk with the block managers also. Several of the residents from various blocks are willing to volunteer to put gravel.

Tsune Baba does not believe in voluntary help because if the person working voluntarily should get hurt, he would like to know who would be responsible for that person's injury.

James Nishimura stated that there is a definite rule on permanent disability in the Project Attorney's office.

CONSTITUTION:

SECTION 4. Removal and Vacancy

- A. A recall election of any member of the Council may be called by a petition signed by 3/4 of the members of the Council or by 50 or more of the eligible voters of the ward.
- B. Any member of the Community Council may be removed from office by a majority vote of the electors of the ward from which he was elected.

Ernest Iiyama made a motion to have the above A and B reading thus. Shinji Yamamoto seconded the motion, and it has been unanimously carried.

SECTION 5. Duties and Powers

Vernon Ichisaka made a motion that Section 5 Paragraph A read

thus: "The Council shall provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the people." Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Tsune Baba made a motion that Section 5 Paragraph B "and statutes" be left out. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Thus the sentence will read: "The Council shall have the power to enact all ordinances necessary in the fulfillment of its duties."

SECTION In paragraph C, Hiroshi Watanabe suggested striking out the word "all" in No. 4. Thus paragraph C will read as follows:

The Council shall have the power:

- 1) To license within the prescribed regulations of the War Relocation Authority.
- 2) To appoint its Administrative officers; and provide for the administrative functions of the government.
- 3) To present resolutions and recommendations to the Project Director.
- 4) To appoint committees and commissions.
- 5) To determine the rules of its proceedings.
- 6) To solicit and receive funds and property for the benefit of the people; and may administer such funds and property.

SECTION 6. Officers

Paragraph A is okeh, thus reading: "There shall be a Chairman of the Council and a Vice-Chairman elected by the Council from among its members."

Harry Konda made a motion that we delete Section 6 Paragraph B. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

Shinji Yamamoto stated that the duties and powers of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be written out, but Robert's Rules of Order which shall govern all proceedings of the Council except where specified otherwise will be conducted.

Section 6 Paragraph B is okeh, thus reading: "Any officer of the Community Council may be removed by a 2/3 vote of that body."

SECTION 7. Meetings

Ernest Iiyama made a motion that Section 7 Paragraph A read as follows: "The Council shall have a regular meeting at least once a week." Masato Maruyama seconded the motion, and it has been unanimously carried.

Paragraph B is to be omitted.

Paragraph C becomes B. It has been suggested to put the word, "regular" in thus reading: "The regular meetings of the Council shall be open to the public."

ARTICLE II JUDICIARY

SECTION 1.

Paragraph A is okeh reading thus: "The Judicial Powers shall be vested in a Judicial Commission and a Board of Arbitration."

SECTION 2.

Paragraph A--change "Councilmen" to "members of the Council." Change "the" to "a"--thus reading: "The Judicial Commission shall be composed of seven electors other than the members of the Council, to be appointed by the Council for a term of six months."

Paragraph B--delete the words "or statutes." It will read: "The Judicial Commission shall hear all cases involving violations of any ordinances enacted by the Council."

SECTION 3.

Paragraph A--okeh--reading thus: "The Board of Arbitration shall be composed of a panel of 15 electors to be appointed by the Council for a term of six months."

Paragraph B reading as follows: "The Board of Arbitration shall hear civil disputes which concern the people of Topaz."

SECTION 4.

Paragraph A is okeh--reading: "Rules and regulations set forth by the Manual on Judiciary shall be followed by the Judicial Commission and the Board of Arbitration."

ARTICLE III

AMENDMENT, INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND ADOPTION

SECTION 1. Amendment

Leave out the word "only" in Paragraph A--reading as follows: "An amendment to the Constitution may be initiated by a two-thirds vote of the Council, or by a signed petition of 250 electors."

Paragraph B to read as follows: "An amendment shall become effective immediately upon ratification by the majority vote of the electors."

SECTION 2. Initiative and Referendum

Suggested by Bob Iki that Section 2 Paragraph A read as follows: "An initiative may be proposed by a signed petition of 150 electors."

Masato Maruyama made a motion that the number of 150 be changed to 500. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

Paragraph B to be read as follows: "Such an initiative shall become a referendum."

Paragraph C to be read as follows: "A referendum shall become effective immediately upon ratification of the majority vote of the electors."

SECTION 3.

Paragraph A is okeh--to be read as follows: "This Constitution

shall become effective upon a majority vote of the electors.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Paragraph A is okeh--to read as follows: "Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of the Council except where specified otherwise."

GENERAL CORRECTIONS:

Preamble

James Nishimura made a motion to delete from the preamble the clause "and to aid in our moral, spiritual, and economic development". Shinji Yamamoto seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion to change the word "ward" to "district" throughout the whole Constitution. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

James Nishimura made a motion that the number of 500 be changed to 750 in Article III Section I Paragraph A. A standing vote was held, and the motion was overruled.

Masato Maruyama made a motion to change the number of 250 to 500 in Section 1 Paragraph A in Article III. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

TRANSLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION INTO JAPANESE:

Albert Kosakura, Karl Akiya, James Nishimura, Toshio Yoshida, and Iwao Shimizu are to help Shigeru Yamamoto in translating the Constitution into Japanese.

Tsune Baba made a motion that we ask the Judicial Commission to look over the Constitution and advice us on some of the points. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

After the above is done, have the Project Director look over-- give him about one week's time.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

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COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 1942
19th Session
2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Clarke Harada, Jack Iizuka, Rayer Toki, and Iwao Shimizu.

MERIT RATING BOARD:

The seven selected to serve on this Board were as follows:

1. Toby Ogawa
2. Mrs. S. Fujita
3. Sus Yamashita
4. Aki Moriwaki
5. Ed Kitow
6. K. Suzuki
7. T. Matsuoka

GOVERNMENT ISSUED CLOTHING:

After considerable discussion with the representatives of all departments, it was decided to have a committee of residents to work out a plan to negotiate with the Administration.

Representatives from each department are to form this committee.

CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution of Topaz was finally ratified by the Council.

The Constitution will now be submitted to the Project Director for his approval and then to the voters of Topaz for the final ratification.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 1942
19th Session
2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota. Council members absent were Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Clarke Harada, Jack Iizuka, Rayer Toki, and Iwao Shimizu.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

LABOR COMMITTEE:

Recommendation for the list of names on the Merit Rating Board:

Mr. James F. Hughes--as an ex-official
Mr. George Reed
Mr. Toby Ogawa
Mr. Aki Moriwaki
Mr. Sus Yamashita
Mr. George Shimamoto

Tsune Baba gave the reasons for the Committee putting Mr. Reed's name on the list. The reasons as follows: In the Administrative staff, there are only a few who really understands the problem of the Japanese, and there are only a few who have gone over the Administrative Instructions. Mr. Reed is the Cost Accountant for the Central Project, and is one of those who went over all the Administrative Instructions, and Mr. Hughes refer all the communications to him. He was in Hawaii during the attack at Pearl Harbor. He is thoroughly sympathetic with the Japanese. He heads the timekeeping unit. He expressed to Tsune Baba personally that if the Council should need help in any capacity, he would be willing to lend a hand. He is not in such a high place as the Project Director or the Assistant Project Director. However, in adding the Committee in this Merit Rating Board, Tsune Baba believes that Mr. Reed is the man.

Further nominations on this Merit Rating Board are as follows:

Ed Kitow nominated by Hachiro Yuasa.
Marie Kyogoku nominated by Ernest Iiyama.
Mr. Iyeki by Albert Kosakura.
Mr. Yamate by Paul Fujii.
Mrs. S. Fujita by Dr. Carl Hirota.
Mr. Koshi Suzuki by James Nishimura.
Mr. Masuji Fujii by Toshio Yoshida.
Mr. Thomas Matsucka by James Nishimura.

Vernon Ichisaka and Dr. George Ochikubo were also appointed to be on the Board--Vernon Ichisaka would like to decline because he is one of the members of the Agriculture Division, and it would not be good. Dr. George Ochikubo would like to decline also, but in the future, he recommends that the Chairman of the Labor Committee be on this Board.

Masato Maruyama moved that the nominations be closed. It has been seconded and unanimously carried.

Election results by ballot voting are as follows:

Toby Ogawa-----	21
Mrs. S. Fujita-----	19
Sus Yamashita-----	18
Aki Moriwaki-----	17
Ed Kitow-----	15
Mr. K. Suzuki-----	13
Mr. T. Matsuoka-----	10

Runner-ups:

Marie Kyogoku-----	9
George Shimamoto-----	8
Masuji Fujii-----	8
Mr. Iyeki-----	7
Mr. Yamate-----	5

CLOTHING PROBLEM: BILLS FOR THE WORKERS' CLOTHING

The matter was officially unable to come to the attention of the Council. On Tuesday morning, a few of the Council members had various objections from residents relative to this so they tried to investigate or find out something about it.

Mr. Kitow stated that the bills were presented to the Block Managers by Miss Altwater who represents the clothing department. Mr. Kitow suggested that the bills should be withheld until future date until the information could be broadcasted to the people through some proper channel. Miss Altwater left the meeting with that understanding and returned in the afternoon with Mr. Lafrabreque insisting that the bills should be distributed to the individuals so the Block Managers took the responsibility to deliver the bills. Result of the reaction of the residents as to these bills came up from that night on. There was no general discussion prior to this.

James Hirano stated that the Block Managers unanimously voted against of the passing of these bills.

Ed Kitow stated that information was broadcasted in Salt Lake City that there might be a change in the work clothes, but it was not definite.

Paul Fujii stated that it was a definite order from the Army. He was at this meeting in Salt Lake City. He also stated that the impression of the Isseis when they signed and got the clothes--it was more or less a gift and not a loan.

Ray Kaneko stated that the impression of the workers in regards to the clothes (working), it would be given to them in addition to the basic clothing. He believes that was not the general impression among all the people. A line has been drawn as of October 21--any clothing issued before then was okeh, but those after this date would be charged. Other camps get free issues on work clothes; and the administration realizes that the clothing allowance is insufficient.

James Nishimura suggested that we might ask the government for reconsideration whereby to extend this date of October 21 until the time that all this has been accomplished. He believes that this could be

pushed. If the goods were in this camp before October 21, and if a certain authority was given to the party and were in position to do the distribution, and if they had not done the distribution by this time, we should have extension of the date.

On behalf of the Agriculture group Koji Murata stated that those who have to go outside in this severe weather these clothing that were issued to them are important and more or less their tools. They feel that these clothes should be loaned out to them. They are not able to purchase these garments which can be used only for a few months. They cannot buy clothes at so little income that is coming in to them. This is the point of view of many of the agricultural workers.

Memorandum from Tsune Baba from Block #36:

December 2, 1942

"MEMORANDUM TO: Community Council

FROM: Tsune Baba, Councilman, Block 36

SUBJECT: Outer Work Clothing

I have been delegated by the residents of Block 36 to approach the Administration, through the Community Council, in regard to the matter of various outer clothings issued heretofore to members of War Relocation Work Corps. They feel that they should not be charged for them or be asked to return them until their work is terminated. They have listed the following as some of the reasons:

1. Some of the other Projects have issued similar outer clothings free of charge.
2. The understanding had been that these were loaned out to be returned upon termination of work.
3. If the clothings had been issued to aid evacuees, it is inconsistent to ask for their return or to charge for them.
4. Why could not the Administration wait until the approach of spring to bring up this matter.
5. If they are forced to return their clothings (they do not wish to buy them), they will quit their work since they will not have any appropriate clothing for freezing weather.

It is my suggestion that we bring this matter up immediately to the attention of our Project Director in order to avoid unnecessary disturbance to mar the good record of our Project. I believe we should ask the Administration to extend the date set at present at which time the residents are to decide whether or not they will return their clothing."

Sam Murata of the Fire Department stated that they were asked to go out to sugar beets, and so they went and then they do not get basic clothing. They more or less came to the Council to ask for issuance of basic clothing.

Bob Iki stated that they will get their basic clothing providing that they prove that they did not make too much money while out doing sugar beet work.

Ray Kaneko stated in regards to the solution: It seems that the only place that we might have a chance of getting hold of these clothing on a free basis is to have that date of October 21 extended. That is the only outlet that the Administration has. This Administration cannot ask for an exception.

Masato Maruyama suggested to get a definite committee to look into the matter. Have means of contacting the other relocation centers. Study it from different angles, and perhaps there will be a solution.

Shinji Yamamoto suggested that in solving this, we should all do this together and not in any one group.

Dr. Ochikubo believes that it should be a loan and that we bring it back after the termination of our work.

James Nishimura stated according to Administrative Instruction No. 27--in addition to the clothing allowance especially in Clause F--Uniforms shall be issued free of charge to the following persons: cooks and mess personnell, doctors, nurses, police department, fire department personnels where wearing of uniforms are required--also special working clothes such as rubber boots, welding gloves, masks, etc. shall be issued free of charge where they are required. He believes it was the intention of the government to give it to all. It might be possible that these clothings may be given to us under this particular clause. He would like to suggest that we have a committee appointed by the various departments to represent and consult in a free manner with the authority on this point and see whether this could be done or not, and if we can approach in a proper manner, he believes that this solution can be done.

Ernest Iiyama believes that we should basicaly approach it from the way we need it. On the basis of need, we can approach the Administration in Washington on that and request that we be supplied with it. We should appeal to Washington that it is necessary for the residents here to have warm clothing in order to work.

Mr. Bell stated that as a result of the two-day conference in Salt Lake--Mr. Lafrabreque and Mr. Niesee also attended this conference. Plan for clothing allowance was due to start in September at the monthly rate for September but because of a notation existing in Tanforan, they were able to get a concession for the month of September on the basis of public assistance which would equivalent for clothing allowance for July and August. When the check or money is disbursed, instead of just getting enough for September and October allowance, we are getting allowance for July and August. Even that is not enough on the basis of the negotiation in Salt Lake that was done. He is speaking in behalf of the Administration--Administration here wants to do anything that can be done legally.

Ray Kaneko stated that the workers' clothing belongs to the U. S. Army and issued to the WRA and the clothing that are not ussed to the residents should be given back to the U. S. Army.

Appointed members on the committee from various departments to look up on this clothing situation are as follows:

Block Managers-----Frank Yamasaki
Internal Security-----N. Yasuda
Motor Pool-----Ray Kaneko
Motor Repair-----George Naruo
Agricultural Division-----Koji Murata
Fire Department-----Susumu Shinoda
Public Works-----George Shimamoto
Maintenance-----Giichi YoshioKa
Construction-----Jimmie Miyata
Steward and Mess-----Dr. Russell Wehara
Clerical for Administration-----Blossom Fujita
Landscaping and Gardening-----Tom Takaki
Community Services-----Sus Yamashita
Council-----George Hoshide
Supplies:

Project Warehouse-----George Yamamoto
Commissary-----Mr. Takeuchi
Surveyors-----Hag Yoshizawa
Hospital-----Mr. Minamoto
Timekeeping-----Masao Miho
Press-----Iwao Kawakami
Co-op-----Toby Ogawa

In this way, there will be an equal voice among the residents. The Chairman stated that he does not believe an appeal could be greater than to have a true voice behind all these representatives. He hopes this will be a solution to this immediate problem of clothing.

James Hirano suggested that now that this committee is formed, it would be to our best advantage that no one is to take any separate step without consulting this committee.

Letters addressed by the Chairman to the heads of the departments stating that so and so has been appointed to attend this meeting for this committee to be sent out. Have meeting tomorrow afternoon and have an initial meeting with the Administration on Saturday morning. The time is at 3:00 p.m.

James Nishimura is to help on the committee.

In the meantime, all the workers are to retain their clothing.

CONSTITUTION:

Ernest Iiyama stated a referendum is something that is enacted already so stated to leave out the words "proposed bill or" in Article III Section 2 Paragraph B.

Article I Section 2 Paragraphs B and C to be switched around.

Article I Section 3 Paragraph B--put in "members of the" before the word "Council".

Article I Section 3 Paragraph C--change the word "seventh" to "fourteenth".

Article I Section 4 Paragraph--add the words "which he represents" after the word "district" which is the last word.

Article I Section 5 Paragraph A--add the words "promote the" between the words "and" and "general".

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion that we adopt the Constitution after the above corrections are made. Dr. George Ochikubo seconded the motion, and it has been unanimously carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. ERNST CONCERNING THE SIGN IN BLOCK #2:

"December 3, 1942

Memorandum to: Dr. Carl Hirota, Chmn of the Council

From: Charles F. Ernst, Project Director

SUBject; Sign on Shower Rooms of Block 2

Under date of November 10 you sent me a memorandum indicating that a sign on the shower rooms of Block 2 was proving to be the cause of disturbance to the residents of Topaz.

It so happened that on November 10 I was in Salt Lake City and by the time that I saw the memorandum you were making preparations to go to Salt Lake City to attend a conference.

Because your memorandum indicated that there might be some misunderstanding about this sign, I preferred to discuss the matter with you before replying to your communication.

It should be recognized by us all that the buildings in each block are intended to be the best substitute for a private home that can be arranged under the present conditions. Although we use dining halls, laundries, and latrines on a community basis in each block, those buildings nevertheless, are private to the persons in those blocks.

The latrines, for instance, should not be thought of as public comfort stations, nor should the dining halls be considered intended for others than those who live in that block.

All these facilities in each block are standard and are equal in every way. The residents of each block should have some say as to how they want their facilities to be used.

The questions of democracy and equality are not involved, and I can assure you that the sign was not placed on Block 2 because of any desire to "discriminate those of any color or creed."

You will understand this when you realize that the residents of Block 2 resisted the use of the buildings in Block 2 by the contractors who were occupying Block 1 when the above-mentioned sign was placed on the buildings.

Now that the contractors have left Block 1 and the facilities in each block are completed and available to the residents in each block, the original reasons for the sign no longer exist, and so I am very happy

to inform you that the signs to which the Council objects have been removed.

It would be desirable, particularly from a public health point of view, if the Council could in some way encourage the idea among all the residents that the utmost privacy in the use of common community services should be observed.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director"

The case concerning this has been dropped.

GRAVEL:

Mr. Roscoe Bell is willing to cooperate and will gather men from the pit to put gravel in. Mr. Hughes will try to furnish the trucks for us. We will try to follow this up.

CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution has been approved by the Council and the Judicial Commission.

We would like to have Mr. Ernst's consideration as soon as possible. He promised that as soon as it gets on his desk, he would give ~~immediate~~ attention on it. We would appreciate it very much if he could give his answer in time for the Monday afternoon meeting.

Ask the Constitution Committee to consider how they might get the information out for this election committee to get a ratification on the Constitution. Give some suggestions for the people's ratification.

Ernest Iiyama and Albert Kosakura, two members on Housing, were appointed by the Chairman to present to the Council with a plan to divide the houses into different districts. Would like to have the Project Director's approval by Monday.

JAPANESE LITERATURE:

Only part of them are here and so Guy Uyama who is in charge of this did not know whether to distribute part of them now and distribute the rest later or wait until all of them come.

CLARKE HARADA'S CASE:

Certain departments had too many workers so different departments were cut down in their employees, and Mr. Harada was one of them.

Note: Send a letter to Mr. Ernst about fire insurance and disability insurance. Also have Mr. Ernst write a short letter that Clarke Harada's being on the hospital committee was not the cause of his dismissal.

Meeting Adjourned.
6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino
Chiyo

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COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 1942
20th Session
2:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hachiro Yuasa, Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Shinji Yamamoto, Clarke Harada, John Iwatsu, Shiro Shibata, Jack Iizuka, Taketoshi Yamamoto, Rayer Toki, Shinsaku Koyanagi, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, Karl Akiya, and George Ikeda.

MANUAL OF THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION:

The temporary manual of the Judiciary Commission was accepted as presented by the committee.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION BY THE PEOPLE:

1. To be held on Tuesday, December 15, 1942.
2. Hours--6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
3. Place--Mess halls or Block Managers's offices.
4. Block meetings are to be called at the discretion of the Council member of each respective block.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

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The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM RAYER TOKI:

"Topaz, Utah
December 3, 1942

Dr. Carl Hirota, Chairman
Topaz Community Council
City Hall
Topaz, Utah

Dear Dr. Hirota:

I wish to take this means to tender my resignation from the Councilmanship. Due to the nature of work in which I am engaged as well as for personal reasons, it is very difficult, if not impossible, to attend Council meetings, especially so when they are held during office hours.

I hope you will kindly understand my position and trust that this resignation will meet with your approval.

Taking this opportunity I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you and members of the Council for the excellent cooperation accorded me during my brief term of office.

Very sincerely yours,
Rayer Toki"

Ask him not to resign from the Council because the general election is taking place soon. Have the minutes sent to him so he will be aware what is going on in the Council. Write letter to him to stay on until the general election.

COMMUNICATION FROM ISAMU YAMAKAWA:

"December 4, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Community Council

ATTENTION: Dr. Carl Hirota, Chairman
Community Council

SUBJECT: Finance Budget

Prior to receipt of your communication regarding the budget for the Community Activities Section, I wrote a letter to your finance committee (Messrs. T. Baba, E. Iiyama, J. Nishimura) explaining in part our dire need for financial assistances through sources other than the

allocation given the Community Activities Section by the WRA. For the most part it was repetition of facts that have been presented at one time or another to members of your committee.

Also I made a proposal based on past expenditures which might be given your consideration. I explained to your Mr. Iiyama that I would like to have an opportunity to appear before your Council next Thursday, December 10, to discuss this matter with you. If such can be arranged, I will greatly appreciate hearing from you. Needless to say, all money given us by your Community Council for our use will be with the understanding that all other sources of income had been tapped prior to usage of same.

As regards to suggestion that a consultation staff be created, I think it would be entirely workable. Possibly I would like to discuss this matter with you at the Community Council meeting.

I trust that members of your finance committee will have contacted you regarding my letter to them. If you so desire, I shall be only too glad to send you a copy of same.

Thanking you for your consideration and trusting that I may hear from you in the near future, I remain

Very sincerely yours,
Isamu Yamakawa, Director
Finance Division"

Write invitation to Mr. Isamu Yamakawa to come to Thursday afternoon's meeting from 3:00 p.m.

BLOCKS NEAR THE HOSPITAL:

Desire to move these various people who need hospital care closer to the hospital. In order to bring this about, they have to move the people who are not connected with the hospital out of this area. The matter will not be in the Council's hands. Housing and the Medical Department will take care of this. They are trying to work this out in a committee to see if it is feasible or not.

DIET KITCHEN:

Albert Kosakura would like to have the Council consider the problem of establishing a Diet Kitchen. As far as he has been talking over the matter with the residents in his block, they are not going to move.

CHILD LABOR:

Dr. Harada would like the Council to consider this. Write a letter to Dr. Harada asking him to come to our meeting on Thursday afternoon, December 10, 1942 at 4:30 p.m.

MERIT RATING BOARD:

Six members have definitely accepted, and Sus Yamashita who is related to Ed Kitow will talk it over with him, and the Chairman is pretty sure he will be a member.

FAIR PRACTICE PROCEDURE:

Send a letter to Mr. Ernst, and tell him that the Council has voted to set this up and would like to have the cooperation of the Administration by sending the letters to the various departments. Dr. Hirota and Dr. Ochikubo will go in to see him sometime this week.

CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution was officially presented to Mr. Ernst the day after the Constitution was ratified by the Council. Mr. Nishimura is pretty sure that Mr. Ernst will accept the Constitution. He believes we are given the permit to have it publicized and have it ratified from the people as a whole. The Japanese translation of the Constitution has been approved by the committees as well as the Judicial Commission members.

TEMPORARY MANUAL OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION:

ARTICLE I

Section 2--Ernest Iiyama would like to see the age change from 30 years to 25 years. Dr. Ochikubo would like to see it changed to 21 years.

Harry Konda made a motion that Section 2 remain as it is. Eiichi Sato seconded the motion. There was a standing vote--8 voted on the motion, and 6 voted against the motion.

Section 2--"The member of the Judicial Commission" be changed to "A member of the Judicial Commission."

ARTICLE III

Section 1--Changed to "The Court of the Judicial Commission shall be held in the Judicial Chamber."

Section 2--Changed to "The hearings shall be conducted by five or more members of the Commission; and its decisions shall be by an affirmative vote of the majority of the attending commissioners."

Section 3--Changed to "All hearings shall be open to the public except in cases involving moral charges."

Section 4--Changed to "The Chairman of the Commission shall preside at all hearings."

Section 6--Changed to "All decisions of the Court shall be in writing."

Section 7--Changed to "The decision of the Commission shall be communicated to the Project Director for review."

Section 8--Changed to "If the Project Director has taken no action within twenty-four hours after the Judicial Commission's decision has been rendered and submitted to him, such holding shall become final."

Section 9--Changed to "Based upon such decision of the Judicial Commission, the Project Director may affirm the holding and order the penalty prescribed by such holding to be carried out, or may remand the case to the Judicial Commission with his recommendation."

Section 10--Changed to "When the Project Director has remanded a case within the required twenty-four hours he may submit his recommendations within a period of seven days."

Section 11--Omit.

Section 12--"Upon such a remand, the Commission shall further consider the case and enter such judgment as may seem appropriate."

Section 13--"Ensuing decisions shall be subject to review by the Project Director in accordance with the provisions of this regulation."

Section 14--Changed to "When the decision has been rendered by the Judicial Commission and affirmed by the Project Director, such decision shall become final."

Section 15--Changed to "Any and all decisions of the Judicial Commission when affirmed by the Project Director shall be executed immediately following the Rules and Regulations prescribed in this Manual."

Section 16--Changed to "The Judicial Commission shall provide penalties for the violation of all ordinances and shall be authorized to prescribe the penalties consisting of:

- 1) Confinement.
- 2) Suspension of work.
- 3) Suspension of all or part of cash allowances.
- 4) Suspension of other privileges enjoyed by the residents.

Section 17--Changed to "The Judicial Commission shall not impose pecuniary fine as penalties."

Section 18--Changed to "All criminal cases which are held by the Judicial Commission to be felonies, the Project Director shall deliver the defendants to proper authorities outside the Community of Topaz."

ARTICLE IV

Section 1--Changed to "Laws and Ordinances of the Community of Topaz shall be applied to all hearings."

Section 2--Changed to "Statutes and Laws of the State of Utah shall prevail, except when otherwise prescribed by the War Relocation Authority."

Section 3--Changed to "Where there is a conflict of laws of the State of Utah, with that of any other state of the union, the Rules and Regulations of the War Relocation Authority or Federal statutes or laws shall prevail."

ARTICLE V

Section 2--Changed to "If a defendant is not represented by a counsel, the court may provide a counsel if he so desires."

ARTICLE VI

Section 1--Changed to "The Judicial Commission may establish a body to investigate the detail facts concerning the issues involved in the case before and during the period of the trial."

Add in ARTICLE VII Section 1--"Defendant may appeal in accordance with War Relocation Authority regulations."

Masato Maruyama made a motion that we accept this Temporary Manual of the Judicial Commission as revised here. Harry Tawa seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON WAYS AND MEANS OF PRESENTING THE CONSTITUTION
TO THE RESIDENTS FOR RATIFICATION:

Points:

- 1) Process of promoting public relations or public interest. Publicize the Constitution in Topaz Times printing in full both English and Japanese. Print it for Thursday's edition.
- 2) Election date--Place of election will be determined in each block and as far as getting the election set up, get the Block Managers to cooperate. Have Council members and Block Managers, their assistants, and the election committee.

On Tuesday--Hours from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Date--December 15, 1942 at the Dining Halls in the respective blocks. Only those that are members of their blocks can vote.

Tsune Baba made a motion that the election date be left up to the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota, Bob Iki, and the Block Managers. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Block meetings should be called at the discretion of the Council members.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

Twenty-four persons are required to serve on this Advisory Board. It will be divided into 1) Community Activities, 2) Community Welfare, 3) Health, and 4) Education.

Community Activities: K. Shigezumi, Bob Iki, Toby Ogawa, Kaytaro Tsukamoto, Frank Yamasaki, Mr. K. K. Yoda, Mr. K. Inouye, Mr. K. Nakajima, H. S. Fujits, Mr. K. Yabuki, and George Shimamoto.

Community Welfare: Mr. C. Uyematsu, Mr. D. T. Uchida, Ed Kitow, Mr. K. Shinkai, Mrs. Fujita, Mr. T. Okada, Sashima Itow, S. Nakajima, Harry Konda, Vernon Ichisaka, and Kozo Fukagai.

Health: Dr. Carl Hirota, Dr. George Ochikubo, K. Yoshizawa, Dave Tatsuno, Takeshi Yatabe, Dr. Kitagawa, Mr. K. Ino, Lincoln Tokunaga, Aki Moriwaki, and Mrs. Ed Kitow.

Education: Koji Murata, Charles Teshima, Hachiro Yuasa, Siberius Saito, Albert Kosakura, Tsune Baba, Mr. K. Suzuki, Prof. Obata, Mr. Sangoro Ito, Mr. Tamon Katase, and Mr. T. R. Matsuoka.

The Chairman recommends that in view of the very short time that is remaining and the Council is so busy with the ratification of the Constitution, etc. he believes that it will be better to wait until the permanent Council is put up so they can elect on this Board.

Send a memorandum in effect to Mr. Lorne W. Bell.

WORK CLOTHING:

Committee of eight members selected the other day after the meeting. They had a meeting Saturday afternoon and decided that the best way to approach this was not to emphasize the technicalities, but base on the emphasis of needs. Bring out some technical points which may be applied here and through that, get some results.

BLOWOUT:

The Council would like to have a little "Blowout." Harry Tawa, Dr. Ochikubo, Dave Watanabe, and Tsune Baba went to see Mr. Hughes about this, and Mr. Hughes was willing to furnish all the transportation. Would like to have it on December 19, Saturday.

To get contributions, Ernest Iiyama made a motion that we fine any Council member who is late at the meetings 25 cents, and those who are absent 50 cents unless they have a good reason. After 2:30 p.m.--25 cents. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Ernest Iiyama was appointed as treasurer for this particular fund. The Chairman requested that Harry Konda be the checker upper and that Masato Maruyama check up on Harry Konda.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

that is coming soon. The Block Managers showed their willingness to assist, and the Mardi Gras at Tanforan had helped out. During the three months that they were supposed to look forward to, there are lot of items that they cannot put down in black and white. The last item was paper for decoration. Adult shows that are being carried out almost weekly requires \$10 a show as a minimum budget. They do not like to ask the people for voluntary contributions. That would be the last consideration that they can think of. They thought it would be creating a better feeling if the Council can give assistance. \$100 a month is needed for the first few months and then about \$50 the rest of the months. Two months before they came here, an allocation was made to them, and requisition was put in to get equipment, but so are, they have not a single item as yet. They found out that response to these adult shows are great. To carry out activities for everybody, they feel some finance is needed. For the Thanksgiving holiday, they did not make any charges. Policy was not to. Talking unofficially with some of the groups, it was suggested that some sort of a taxation be put in the Constitution.

Mr. Fujita: Adult

Adult Education program is the biggest even in Topaz so far as attendance is concerned. They have had as big an attendance as 600. They do not like to charge the residents because it is no professional show.

Chairman:

The Council will take this into consideration with a committee and possibly talk with the Cooperative Enterprise and give them an answer sometime next week. Set up a committee to try to negotiate and see what we can do on this problem.

MR. HOLLAND INTRODUCED BY MR. ERNST:

Mr. Holland:

he is going
What I-am going to talk about is not a new program at all. When evacuation was decided upon the possibilities of distributing the evacuated people into small groups and going farther away was brought up. The governors of the western states and other public people began to raise great alarm about Californians being desettled on their hands. There was a great turmoil in April and the first of May. For the first few months, the WRA and WCCA were getting new houses, getting adjusted to the places caused by evacuation. Never for a minute had they ever let down anything for possibilities for going beyond the relocation centers. During May, June, and July it looked like a hard job--it is a hard job and it will always be a hard job. It looked as if it might be even impossible to have a relocation program of where a person could go out permanently to find a new home. Sugar beet work came in reality. They developed their group whereby the people were permitted to take jobs at prevailing wages out in the agricultural regions to work in the sugar beets. It was a qualified kind of a relocation program. Alternative was for people to stay in the centers or to go out and make money. In the Spring about 1,700 people went out. During Fall about 9,000 went out from various relocation centers. Some boys made money and some did not. When he is talking about the relocation program, he is not talking about the sugar beets. Although Middlewestern

people do not know the Japanese-Americans a considerable amount of permanent relocation is possible in the Middlewestern states. There are great demands for labor. People are very anxious to get help. After some preliminary work is done, after explaining what the western Japanese-Americans are, they found that the people were getting interested. They feel that the people are part of the Americans and many of them feel that they could be adjusted to the new surroundings of the Middlewestern states. They have adopted certain rules and regulations themselves on the phases--some of which we may not like. For instance, they found that before they could make much headway, if the WRA is willing to say that this person who is coming to work is a good person. Project investigation is going to be done. They ask for letters of references back home where we came from. The leave officer will interview applicants to go out and file will be sent to Washington. Then the name of the person will be submitted to the FBI, letters of recommendations--the National Director of WRA decided whether that person leaves clearance. If this is done, the person has right to appeal. This policy is on the basis of the right of the residents in the center to receive their leave clearance or tell them specifically why they are not give this leave. This takes some time. It will take about one month. Any one of us who has the slightest expectation of going out of here should make application in advance for leave clearance. Then clearance work will be done so when the job comes, he can leave right away. Any of the residents of the relocation centers can apply--aliens, those who have been back to Japan, and educated in Japan, and those who have lived and learned in the United States. Each case is considered on its own merits. They do not discriminate anyone from anything. When a person gets leave clearance, he has to show that he has a particular job and a particular place to go or to show that he has enough money to live one. They would rather see that a person goes out to a specific job because it aids in the adjustment of the community. To get jobs, find out if there are friends in the community to find jobs for you. Throughout the Midwest, they have been urging committees such as the YWCA, YMCA, Federal Council of Churches, Social Agencies, etc. Madison has a surprising organization of their own. Some lawyer is at the head with the Mayor of the city, older men, and several businessmen serving in this organization. Their program does not contemplate emptying the relocation centers. His guess is that we are going on having relocation centers as necessities. They would like to think that it is possible for everybody to go out. It will be their great ambition to see that everybody is out relocating in the different areas.

QUESTIONS:

Harry Tawa: Can a person go out if they have the means to establish a business on the outside?

Mr. Holland: They would much rather have a person know the community first. A person going out to buy a store, or department house, or a piece of land before the community gets used to him or he gets used to the community, he believes it is a bad business. But after he becomes a part of the community, then he can establish a business of his own.

Dr. Hirota: To what extent will the WRA be able to aid us in finding work? The farther East we go, the less contact we have with the people.

Mr. Holland: 1) In getting jobs--Starting on January 4, WRA will put several field agents in the Middlewestern states to try and dig up jobs. He does not know what kind of jobs but will try and get jobs that are available. They are going to try hard against jobs such as domestic and farm jobs. They will try to get jobs to match the skills of the persons. 2) Have decided not to subsidize this program with government money. Government will not pay for transportation, will not loan money for transportation, will not subsidize for housing facilities. If a person can get prospects, he can use those agencies to help him out.

Kay Nishida: Suppose a person who goes out for a job should get hurt and will not be able to work--will he be able to come back to the center?

Mr. Holland: Relocation centers are always open to people who wish to return.

Albert Kosakura: If a person applied for a job at the first center, and if should go to another center and has to wait for his clearance, he may lose his job because it takes so long.

Mr. Holland: Leave clearance is out of the way then. When one gets a job and want to go and file application for indefinite leave--he can attach evidence of the job indicating where he is going, what his wages are going to be, etc. Then that goes to Washington by air mail, and if the community is willing to speak, the Director instructs the Project Director issuing the indefinite leave. This will not take more than five days. It takes about one month for the leave clearance.

Shinji Yamamoto: Is there any discrimination in the Civil Service of the United States against people of Japanese ancestry?

Mr. Holland: No there is no discrimination. They are going to try to take jobs in the government.

Hiroshi Watanabe: He would like to know if there are any regulations barring us from industries.

Mr. Holland: Certain industries are considering employing people in the war industries. There is no reason why Japanese should not be employed in the production lines. They are going to try to place as many people in the war industries.

George Hoshida: Suppose a family wants to go out--does each one have to file application individually?

Mr. Holland: Everyone 17 years and over has to file application because their clearance is necessary.

Harry Konda: People who are out now--are they out on a temporary or permanent basis?

*21st Session
Condensed form.*

COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 1942
21st Session
2:40 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Hirabayashi, Clarke Harada, John Iwatsu, Jack Iizuka, Saiki Muneno, James Nishimura, Rayer Toki, George Hagiwara, and Iwao Shimizu.

CONSTITUTION:

A communication was received from the Project Director approving the Constitution as presented to him by the Council.

MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES:

A recommendation is to be sent to the Project Director to allow free meals as well as free lodging to the men in the armed forces who visit the WRA centers.

INTERNAL SECURITY:

A report was made on the meeting of the Internal Security men by the Council members who attended it. After some discussion, it was decided that a committee of seven members be selected from among the residents to arbitrate this matter.

CONSTITUTION:

A few minor changes were made in the Constitution to meet with the WRA regulations.

MEETING WITH MR. HOLLAND:

Leave Clearance:

- a) Anyone can apply regardless of citizenship. Each case is considered on its own merits.
- b) Any person may apply for a leave clearance even though he does not intend to leave immediately.
- c) All over 17 years of age must apply individually. Any person may return to a relocation center if he applies to enter a center.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 1942
21st Session
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The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. ERNST CONCERNING CONSTITUTION:

"December 8, 1942

Constitution Committee
Community Council
Topaz, Utah

Gentlemen:

After our meeting on December 4 to discuss the draft of the Constitution of the community of Topaz, I asked the Office of the Project Attorney to review its provisions.

You will find attached a copy of their report with recommendations.

I have gone over the Constitution again, giving due consideration to the recommendations of the Office of the Project Attorney, and I am pleased to advise, herewith, that the draft of the Constitution as presented by your committee is approved by me in my capacity as Project Director.

It is my intention to send a copy of this draft of the Constitution with the Project Attorneys' recommendations to the National Office of the War Relocation Authority. I shall pass on to you any comments or suggestions which may come to me from that source.

May I congratulate the committee upon its work and to wish the Community of Topaz every success in developing the life of the community on the basis of this Constitution.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director"

✓ GRAVEL:

The Landscaping Department approached Shinji Yamamoto, and the scraping is ready, but winterization is not completed in some of the blocks. If Council members can assist the Block Managers in hurrying up the scurting, things can start.

✓ MEETING WITH MR. ERNST:

Dr. Hirota and Dr. Ochikubo are to meet with Mr. Ernst tomorrow, December 11, 1942 at 10:00 a.m. about Fair Practice Procedure.

✓ MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Ernest Iiyama stated that men in the Armed Forces have to pay for their meals here. He suggested that the Council put in a recommendation that soldiers be allowed to have their meals free here.

Ernest Iiyama made a motion that the Council put in a recommendation that men in the Armed Forces be allowed to have their meals free. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Send a memorandum to Mr. Ernst for his consideration.

INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEM:

✓ Members that came from the Internal Security to the meeting were Messrs. Yamamoto, Nakayama, and Yanaba.

✓ Ernest Iiyama stated that two fellows from the Wardens' Office went up to him and told him some of the backgrounds and asked that representatives from the Council go to this meeting of theirs as observers to get some information. Five were selected to go to this meeting, and three of them attended. Tsune Baba, Shiro Shibata, and Toshio Yoshida attended.

Tsune Baba's report: The meeting was called yesterday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at the Internal Security Headquarter at Recreation Hall #11. Three Council Members attended and also four members of the Interfaith Ministereal Association attended. It seems that the meeting evolved around a force resignation of certain personnel in the Internal Security. There is a certain girl by the name of Ruby who was the cause of all this mixup. The case is such that it takes serious thought in our part. At first, the wardens of the Internal Security found that this certain girl was making approaches of something to certain persons in the Military Police Headquarters. Since then members of the Internal Security went there to investigate and one of the so-called Lieutenants in the Internal Security became acquainted with her and forgot all about his duties. Because of this the wardens got together and reprimanded him and asked him almost to resign. They could not do anything about it so they asked Captain Takagi to handle this. Since Captain Takagi was a close friend of this certain person, he could not do anything. So the wardens got together and asked the Captain to resign. They voted against him. Since then the Captain, Lieutenant, and others got together and tried to start something. By this time, the Internal Security got together and got Mr. Nagata to handle this. But Mr. Nagata more or less made a mess out of it. So they decided to hold this meeting and asked the Council to sit in on this meeting. Mr. Fridley representing the Administration expressed a thought and said that decisions should not be decided there. Decisions should be decided at the Judicial Commission. He recommended either to have the Judicial Commission decide the case or to have five members appointed on a committee. (Council, Internal Security, Church Group, Administration, and Judicial Commission.) This was put before the wardens for their discussions, and they decided on the second procedure--to have five representatives from various departments to sit in the case. The situation right now is whether we should ask the Judicial Commission to handle cases of this nature or to have a new body of five men and then to have one man from the Council to sit in it to decide. While this was taking place, there was one warden working late at the

Internal Security, and he decided to go home about 1:45 in the morning, and as he was walking home, five men approached him and threatened to do him bodily harm, but this warden blew his whistle and so he was not hurt. As far as decision on this matter for the Council to take, he believes we should hear both sides. Mr. Fridley and members of the Internal Security wanted the Council to appoint a temporary Captain because they have no Lieutenant or Captain at present.

CHAIRMAN:

It seems that they wish some sort of an Arbitration Board to listen to both sides and if before this Arbitration hearing is begun that both sides will agree to the fact that no matter what decisions are made by this Board, it will be the solution to this problem. Being a problem within the department, the Chairman believes it should be decided within that department. Whenever it boils down to the fact, it isn't between the residents and the Internal Security, but the wardens among themselves. This involves the problem of dismissal that seems to come under this Fair Employment committee. Set up this and have this case become one of the first problems of the committee that it might undertake.

TSUNE BABA:

Personally he has heard only one side. Anything of this nature which has reflection on a person should have equal representation to present this case. He would like an Arbitration Board set up to hear this entire case. The main reason why the Internal Security members who are left now is because of this request by the Administration to reenstate these four men including the parties involved and the other parties who are not involved in the case. They feel that certain injustice was done to these two men who were not actually involved in this case so they would like to have them reenstated, but others do not want to consider this. Personally, Tsune Baba is against the five committee members mentioned. He does not think anyone connected with the wardens should be in there.

SHIRO SHIBATA:

He also heard only one side of the story. Before this meeting took place, he went around quite a bit to the wardens and after he heard the various viewpoints of the wardens he went to this meeting. He thinks it is nice to have an Arbitration Board and hear both sides; before we set up this Arbitration, Mr. Fridley should have a little more consideration and he should decide it himself instead of giving responsibility to other people. Have some committee appointed who has nothing to do with the case.

TOSHIO YOSHIDA:

He agrees with Tsune Baba and Shiro Shibata. He stated that one Administrator stated that if they force to resign the foreman, a martial law is going to be set up in this camp. Before this decision is made, we have to be very fair, broadminded, etc. Also consider the number of people connected in this. One side is only four or five men and the other side is the rest of the wardens--over one hundred. He does not know whether the Council should take this consideration or not so he suggests that a committee formed of Isseis and Council members take arbitration for this matter.

CHAIRMAN:

The recommendations made by the three observers is that we have an unbiased committee to hear both sides and make a definite decision.

There are four men that the wardens themselves wish to have dismissed. There are two men that were dismissed that the wardens want to reenstate.

PAUL FUJII:

He believes that it is a city-wide problem and not a problem just among the wardens.

ACTUAL PROBLEMS BEFORE THE WARDENS:

- 1) They would like to reenstate two Lieutenants.
- 2) They would not like to have into consideration four men who worked under Captain Takagi and Lieutenant so and so.

The Administration asked these two men who had nothing to do with the case at the same time they asked the four others to resign.

Dr. Ochikubo suggested that the Administration member be left out of this Board, and Shinji Yamamoto agrees, because the wardens want it to be an internal problem.

Ernest Iiyama suggests that the Council should pick up these men to be on the Board and not have each department pick their own men. Hachiro Yuasa agreed with Ernest Iiyama and suggested that men should be picked from the Council.

Kay Nishida disagreed to the above. He would like to have members from each department appointed by each department. He'd like to see comprehensive answers and see that the decisions be set more or less on a permanent basis.

✓ DIFFERENT PROPOSALS THUS FAR:

- 1) That Council take it in their hands and decide.
- 2) Have three from each department. (Judicial Commission, Interfaith Ministereal Association, and the Council)
- 3) Council pick members from the residents just as residents and not from any particular department.

Ernest Iiyama made a motion that the Council pick a committee of seven members from among the residents based on their qualifications and also looking into their qualifications and see that they are unbiased. Eiichi Sato seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

This unbiased group is to report back to the Council. When this committee is formed, it will be the duty of the committee to see the Project Director and ask what powers they will have.

SUGGESTIONS TO PICK THE SEVEN MEMBERS FOR THIS COMMITTEE:

Paul Fujii suggested to leave it to the discretion of the Chairman, Executive Secretary, and the three Council members that went to the

meeting of the wardens as observers.

Eiichi Sato made a motion to the above statement; Hachiro Yuasa seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Case of the Internal Security is hereby dismissed.

CONSTITUTION: (Bob Iki)

The Constitution was given to the Block Managers and it was explained to them, and they had a few questions which were asked, and these questions were answered satisfactorily to them. As far as the Block Managers go, they are glad to help out with exception of two of the members. Suggestion was that it will not be a bad idea to have ballots passed out during roll call on Monday night, but the vote was put down. Quite a few felt that an open meeting would be very nice. Next move is up the block representatives. To determine time and how, they are going to vote. Ratification date is definitely set for Tuesday. On Tuesday, if the time is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. the Council members should be seated at the table with the Block Managers and a secretary should be there with a list of the names of the residents of that block. The Community Government will distribute the ballots Monday morning. Should also get in touch with the Election Committee members in each block and have them go around and get the people to go to vote. First of all, the voter gives the name to the secretary, and she will check his name off. Then the secretary will pass the voter to the Council member who will give the ballot to the voter. Then the voter checks the ballot and gives it to the Block Manager who puts the ballot in the box.

The Chairman suggested to make announcements on Monday to the effect that ~~on Tuesday when they come~~ to dinner, they should have in their mind ready to cast the ballot. Polls should be open until about 8 o'clock.

Hachiro Yuasa suggested that each block set its own time and work it out to its best advantage.

FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE UNABLE TO VOTE IN THEIR OWN BLOCKS BECAUSE OF THE
NATURE OF THEIR WORK:

- 1) Have blanks at the City Hall, and any person who won't be home to vote can vote there. His name will be put down and also his address.
- 2) Or bring the ballots to those departments that require ballots and have voting down there.

The Chairman asked the Community Government to set up an office in the Administration building, in B, and a secretary can stay there part of the day; the have an office at the hospital, and the same secretary could quit at whatever time and cover the hospital at a certain time.

CONSTITUTION; (Vernon Ichisaka)

Mr. Ernst turned over the Constitution to the hands of the Office of Project Attorney. Before Mr. Ernst wrote the letter to the Council, he took several matters with the Constitution committee, and after that, the committee got together and made a few adjustments.

Changes:

ARTICLE I

Section 2B--"Representation of a district in the Community Council shall be by members equal in number to the inhabited blocks therein."

Section 3B--"There shall be a general election of the members of the Council on the fourteenth day following the ratification of the Constitution. Nomination for candidates shall be by acclamation from the floor of an open meeting."

Section 4A--"A recall of any member of the Council shall be initiated by a petition signed by three-fourths or more of the members of the Council or fifty or more of the electors of the district which he represents."

Section 4C--"When a vacancy occurs in the Council from any district, the Chairman of the Council thereof shall issue writs of election to fill ~~such~~ a vacancy, except where it occurs within two weeks of a general election, when the Chairman of the Council shall have the right to appoint a member from the district for the remainder of the term."

Section 5A No. 6--"To solicit and receive funds and property for the benefit of the people; and to administer such funds and property."

ARTICLE III

Section 1A--"An amendment to the Constitution may be initiated by a two-thirds vote of the Council, or by a signed petition of one-fourth of the eligible voters."

Section 2B--"Referendum--" "Any enacted law shall be referred to the electorate upon the signed petition of five hundred electors. The majority vote shall prevail."

Hachiro Yuasa made a motion that we accept the changes that have been made in the Constitution. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION:

Mr. Fujita (Adult Education) and Mr. Isamu Yamakawa (Director of Finance Division) represented the CAS and ~~came~~ to the meeting of the Council.

Isamu Yamakawa:

The Activities Section is solely set for finance. They have been contacting for the past several weeks to the Administration to find out what sort of ~~assistance~~ assistance they could get for finance from the Administration. They found out there are no provisions made for any petty cash fund which is essential to carry on any affair. So far they have been paid by the individual members of the CAS. They feel that it is not fair for few individuals in the Activities to pay so to speak. They read the phrase in the Constitution that the Council shall have the power to license within the prescribed regulations of the WRA. He has written several letters to certain groups and hopes we are aware of the situation. The approaching question is of the holiday season

*22nd
Business
Condensed form.*

COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 1942
22nd Session
2:20 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

COUNCILMEN ABSENT:

James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara (excused), Clarke Harada,
James Nishimura (Visiting Tule Lake), Rayer Toki, George Hagiwara,
Iwao Shimizu, and Karl Akiya.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION:

All Council members are to see that the machinery for voting
is set up and functioning properly. The date is December 15, 1942.

Absentee voting will be handled by the Community Government
staff.

Executive Secretary,
Ernest S. Iiyama

COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 1942
22nd Session
2:20 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

Council members absent were James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, (excused), Clarke Harada, James Nishimura, Rayer Toki, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, and Karl Akiya.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

PRIVATE BUSINESSES: (Hashiro Yuasa)

He stated that several people in this camp are conducting businesses of their own and charging money for all this; such as hair-dressers, sale of Christmas articles, etc. He would like this to be taken up for study.

Paul Fujii stated that a certain watch maker was asked to work in the Co-op, but he claimed that his eyes were bad and yet he has been seen repairing watches privately.

Ask Project Attorney's Office to clarify some of the WRA regulations regarding this. Send letter to Project Attorney.

The Chairman stated that that the members should keep this in mind. When the ordinances are made up, this is one of the things to be considered.

ADVISORY BOARD FOR INTERNAL SECURITY:

Seven residents have accepted to be on this Board. They are 1) Dr. Russell WeHara, 22-2-D; 2) S. Okamura, 36-9-E; 3) T. Kato, 30-11-E; 4) Mr. Egashira, 40-7-D; 5) T. Matsuno, 26-3-B; 6) Mr. Inouye, 8-2-F; and 7) Mr. Hamada, 28-4-C.

The above will meet first with Mr. Ernst and Mr. Fridley to see how much power they have and how much recognition they are going to get.

The Chairman asked Shiro Shibata to arrange a meeting for these seven members to meet with Mr. Ernst and Mr. Fridley. Once this meeting is held, the Council can step out, and this board can handle this.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MR. ERNST:

"December 11, 1942

Memorandum to: Mr. James F. Hughes
From: Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
Subject: Employment and Compensation

Kindly refer to Administrative Instruction No. 27 dated September 1, 1942 and signed by Director D. S. Myer having to do with the subject of employment and compensation.

Be referred particularly to Section 6 having to do with Fair Employment Practice Procedure.

You will note that there is to be set up a fair practice committee as described in paragraph B of Section 6.

Although in that paragraph it mentions only four occupational categories of employees to be represented by a committee member, you will undoubtedly want to examine the desirability and practicability of increasing the number of these groups. On this point, will you check it once to see if there is any directive which would prevent our increasing the number of occupational groups beyond the four mentioned.

I assume that you will want to draw in Mr. Cornwall and Mr. Jennings into matter, and I would recommend that you contact the Chairman of the City Council, Dr. Hirota, who with members of the Council Labor Committee are concerned to have this fair practice committee organized as soon as possible in order that its tenure of office may coincide with that of the new government which expects to organize in time to start early in January.

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director"

cc--City Council

December 10, 1942

"Dr. Carl Hirota
Chairman, Community Council
Topaz, Utah

Dear Dr. Hirota:

This is in reply to your letter concerning footwear for residents. We have given your request careful consideration and are fully in sympathy with the thought issued in your memorandum. We find, however, that there is nothing in the WRA regulations that would indicate that shoes are considered apart from clothing and, consequently, it seems that the intent of the clothing allowance was to cover all articles of clothing, including footwear.

You will be interested to know that Community Enterprises is setting up shoe repair machinery which was recently delivered to its warehouse. We understand from them that they will be ready for operation and will begin to take orders for shoe repairs very soon. This arrangement was made only after a thorough study of the WRA regulations revealed that the Authority could not provide the equipment for this service.

It is our hope that the initial cash clothing allowances, which are now being issued, and the provision being made by the Community Enterprises will contribute to the alleviation of the problem raised by the Council.

Very truly yours,
Charles F. Ernst
Project Director"

"December 11, 1942

Dr. Carl Hirota
Chairman of City Council
Topaz, Utah

Dear Dr. Hirota:

I have noted with a great deal of interest the appointment by the City Council of a Merit Rating Board. Certainly such a board can do much to maintain harmonious working arrangements, and thus contribute to the well-being of all the residents in the City of Topaz.

The Merit Rating Board can, at this time, be of particular assistance to the Employment Division on all the important matters having to do with the developing employment program of the War Relocation Authority in its efforts to assist residents to relocate themselves.

I am writing to each of the members of the Board thanking them for their willingness to contribute to this important service.

I have also asked Mr. Cornwall to call an early meeting of his staff so that they can meet with the Board and begin formulating plans for launching the whole leave program in line with the War Relocation Authority's policies.

The Council is to be congratulated on securing the assistance of the members of the Merit Rating Board, and I want you to assure them of my appreciation of their cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
Charles F. Ernst
Project Director"

Wednesday morning at 10:00, a meeting has been set between Mr. Ernst, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Bell and the members of the Merit Rating Board, and Messrs. Baba, Ichisaka, and Dr. Ochikubo. They are going to talk over about this Merit Rating Board and see to what extent this committee can help in regards to outside employment.

Dr. Ochikubo stated that Mr. K. Suzuki who is one of the members on the Merit Rating Board, has left Topaz, and it is suggested that another member be ~~selected~~ to be on this Board. Leave it up to the body to pick another member to replace Mr. Suzuki. They will suggest another name and come to the Council for approval.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION:

The Chairman started on Saturday to try to see a few individuals of the Cooperative because that seems to be the only place where we could get any sum of money. This problem needs more time, and perhaps the Chairman will report more at Thursday's meeting. Prior to coming before the Council, the CAS has communicated with the Cooperative Enterprise, and there has been some misunderstanding.

Tsune Baba stated that the Committee on CAS fund has been receiving numerous letters from the CAS, but they do not want to go ahead to do things unless they are authorized to do so. Tsune Baba has approached the Procurement Office and the Accounting Office, but can get no result.

Paul Fujii stated that the Community Enterprise is planning in giving the amount turned in from two-nights' shows to turn over to the CAS, and this also to help in the Christmas fund.

Community Council send a letter to CAS saying that we appreciate the financial difficulties that they are under, but we are in no power to license and as Community Enterprise has money, perhaps they can help out the CAS. Eiichi Sato made a motion to this effect, and it has been seconded and unanimously carried. Incorporate various facts relative to this refusal.

WORKERS' CLOTHING:

Paul Fujii stated that some of the workers in hauling coal and such are getting worried about the question of laundry. The Chairman believes it is better to be left up to the Fair Employment Practice Procedure. This committee will be started as soon as Mr. Hughes gets back from Salt Lake City.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION:

This will be held in the dining hall in each block. The time is left up to the individuals blocks. Some blocks will have it between 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Blocks 4, 5, 12, 13, 28, etc. will have it also during the noon hour. Block 6 will have it from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. during the noon hour and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the evening.

Procedure of voting;

As the voter comes up to vote, he tells his or her name to the secretary, and she checks off the name from the list. Then the voter goes to the Block Manager, and the Block Manager will hand one ballot to the person. Then the voter will mark down on the ballot, and turn it over to the Councilman who will in turn put it in the box. It is vitally necessary to have the election committee to go around from house to house asking the people to go out to vote. At about 9:00 p.m. after the boxes in the presence of the election committee, Council member, Block Manager, and secretary tally up the yes's and no's, a car will go around and pick up the results. The main objective is to get this vote and get as many people to vote.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

There will be two teams. There will be one at the Administration from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and one will be at the hospital from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Before the ballots are counted, it will be checked against the names of their blocks to make sure there is no double vote of one person.

DINNER OF RETIRING COUNCIL:

The Council was refused by a letter from Mr. Ernst to go out to a dinner. Instead he suggested that a dinner could be held in here in honor of the Council by the residents.

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion that the Council go on a picnic. Eiichi Sato seconded the motion, and the vote was carried by a 13 to 7 count.

Albert Kosakura, Shinji Yamamoto, and Paul Fujii volunteered to go and see Mr. Ernst to see whether we can go on a picnic or not. Invitations are to be sent out to the Community Government staff, the resident Attorneys and their secretaries. Committee on refreshment will be Hachiro Yuasa, Shinji Yamamoto, and Albert Kosakura.

COMBINED MEETING OF THE NEW COUNCILMEN AND THE OLD COUNCILMEN:

Have combined meeting sometime in the first part of January. January 12, 1943 will be the day for the new officers to officially take office. Have combined meeting perhaps on January 7.

JUDICIAL COMMISSION:

Hachiro Yuasa made a motion that we ask the present Judicial Commission to submit another name to replace Mr. K. Suzuki who has left Topaz, and then present the name to the Council for approval. The motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

REGARDING CONSTITUTION:

Saiki Muneno reported that the residents refused to recognize that the Constitution will be under the WRA. He suggested that a clause be put in the by-laws that this Constitution will function under the WRA.

INVITATIONAL LETTERS FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Fred Koba who is in charge of the Christmas program came to the Council, and asked that Dr. Hirota send out invitations to some people on the outside; such as Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, Governor of Utah, etc. The Chairman, Dr. Hirota, will see Mr. Ernst about this. A motion was made to the above effect, and it has been seconded and unanimously carried.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday afternoon from 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

Mr. Holland: There are provisions for temporary leaves. No one can make excuses for going out, such as going to grandmother's funeral, or business to get jobs. They are trying to put everybody on an indefinite leave basis.

Note: Out of 9,000 sugar beet workers, about 2,000 found jobs. It is in the regulations that a person can go out on a temporary sugar beet leave and if he finds a job while he is out, then he can make application for indefinite leave.

CHAIRMAN:

The members of the Council shall carry to the residents problems that have come before them at today's meeting.

✓ The Chairman, Ernest Iiyama, Tsune Baba, Shiro Shibata, and Toshio Yoshida are to meet at Dr. Hirota's residence tonight concerning the setting up of the Arbitration Board. Vernon Ichisaka and Albert Kosakura are also asked to attend. Also have block meetings to discuss this.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

23rd
Minutes and
Condensed form.

COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 1942
23rd Session
2:20 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, Clarke Harada, John Iwatsu, Taketoshi Yamamoto, Shinsaku Koyanagi, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, Karl Akiya, and George Ikeda.

JUDICIAL COMMISSION:

The Judicial Commission recommended H. Iyeki to fill the vacancy left by K. Suzuki who left the community.

The recommendation was accepted by the Council.

Invitations to the Christmas Program were sent to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dillon Meyer, the Governor of Utah, and the Attorney General. The invitations were co-signed by the Project Director and the Chairman of the Council.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

Approximately 250 Christmas gifts were sent here from the Language School at Boulder, Colorado. These were turned over to the Christmas Committee for distribution.

A letter of appreciation is to be sent to the Language School thanking them for their kindness.

CONSTITUTION:

A report was given of the results of the vote on the ratification of the Constitution.

The Constitution was ratified and will become effective immediately.

MERIT RATING BOARD:

Ichiro Shibata was selected by the Council to fill in the position vacated by K. Suzuki.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 1942
23rd Session
2:20 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

Council members absent were James Hirabayashi, Masaaki Sakakihara, Clarke Harada, John Iwatsu, Taketoshi Yamamoto, Shinsaku Koyanagi, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, Karl Akiya, and George Ikeda.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Judicial Commission sent a letter to the Council submitting the name of Mr. Iyeki as a member of the Judicial Commission for the approval by the Council, to take the place which was abandoned by Mr. Suzuki. Shinji Yamamoto made a motion to accept Mr. Iyeki to the Judicial Commission. Harry Tawa seconded the motion, it was unanimously carried.

Invitation for the Christmas Program to Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, Dillon Meyers, Governor of Utah, and Attorney General were sent. It was signed by Mr. Ernst, and Dr. Carl Hirota.

Christmas gifts came from the Lanaguage school of Boulder, Colorado (Caucasians and Niseis). 250 presents are now at the Post office, it will be given to the Christmas committee and they in turn will put it in their Christmas gift pot. The letter was signed by Kathleen Date.

It was decided to send a letter of acknowledgement from the Council, and the Christmas committee will send one of their own.

Internal Security Problem (Choosing of a Captain for the Internal Security)

Dr. Carl Hirota mentioned that it was not for the Council to appoint the captain since the Council was acting in an advisory capacity.

Tsune Baba reported that at the meeting of the Warden's office those Councilmen who attended the meeting was requested to appoint a temporary captain.

Council is to send a letter to Warden's staff saying that since there is an Advisory Committee set-up for the Internal Security Problems the Council decided to turn the matter to this committee.

Roll Call

John Iwatsu: Would like the Council to take action upon shortening the Monday night's roll call hours suggested it be cut down to the minimum.

Dr. Carl Hirota will have an informal talk with Mr. Charles Ernst concerning this matter.

Results of the Ratification of the Constitution

Dr. Carl Hirota Vote of confidence is very heartening.
 The voting was good throughout the whole camp as a whole.
 No's were due to: Lack of understanding
 Different ideas of the people of the blocks.

Christmas Program

Questions were brought up whether the Council wanted to sponsor the New Year's Eve dance or a Ball. Recreation department will be willing to handle all decoration, entertainment, etc. The Council was not in favor of being the sponsor of this Ball.

Dr. Carl Hirota to communicate with Fred Koba about this matter.

Council Meeting

The Council will have their next meeting on December 21st, the following meeting to be followed on the 28th of December. Will take a recess until January 7, 1943 and have combined Council Meeting with the new and old Councilmen.

By January 12, 1943 the new Council members should take over this meeting.

Picnic (Paul Fujii)

The passes could be secured but no trucks were available for this coming Sunday. Possibility of going next week. The Council will discuss this subject further in the next meeting.

Hospital

Dr. Hirota two of the hospital staff has left this camp recently and the staff is dwindling rapidly.

The Council is to send a letter to the Administration requesting for more medical staff to relieve the doctors now on duty.

Gravel

Mike Maruyama brought up the question as to why the gravel hadn't been delivered as yet to his block.

Shinji Yamamoto explained that if the skirtings of the blocks are done gravel will be delivered to all blocks which will be spread throughout by the people in the blocks voluntarily. As yet there are not extra trucks to bring the gravel to the blocks but soon to come.

Dr. Carl Hirota and Mr. Shinji Yamamoto will check up on this matter.

Rumors:

There has been rumors flying around that we are expected again to evacuate by February and the peoples have started in making boxes and packing their belongings.

Tsune Baba recommended that Mr. Ernst make a statement in the Topaz Times as to the rumor about evacuating again.

Dr. Hirota reported that Mr. Ernst explained that there is absolutely no plans policy of evacuating this center. This center is permanent as any other relocation center.

The Council suggested that a memorandum be sent to Mr. Ernst regarding this matter.

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Merit Rating Board

Mr. Hamada and Mr. Uchida's names were brought in by Dr. Ochikubo for replacing Mr. Suzuki and asked for approval by the Council.

Harry Kōnda suggested that since these people were serving on other committee appointed by the Council it would be wise^{er} to nominate other person to substitute to take the vacancy of Mr. Suzuki.

The motion was opened in order to

Tsune Baba	nominated	Mr. T. Yatabe
Paul Fujii	"	Mr. Takezawa
Mike Maruyama	"	Mr. Shibata
Ernest Iiyama	"	Mr. Yoshizawa

The two names were submitted by the	Mr. Uchida
Merit Rating Board were:	Mr. Hamada

The results of the election were as follo

Mr. Shibata	7
Mr. Yoshizawa	6
Mr. Uchida	3
Mr. Takezawa	3
Mr. Hamada	2

Tsune Babe stated that he retracts his nomination as he considered Mr. Yatabe too young.

Since Mr. Ichiro Shibata was elected Dr. Ochikubo is to see him and explain the functions of the Merit Rating Committee.

In regards to the matter of selling post cards made by the residents at the co-op was discussed. But it was table-d as to the legality because the letter from the Project Attorneys had not arrived.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. the Council is to meet Monday December 21, 1942 at 2:00 P.M. ~~at~~ the Council Chamber.

*24th Session and
Condensed form.*

COUNCIL MEETING
December 28, 1942
24th Session
2:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Albert Kosakura, James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, Isamu Uyehara, Clarke Harada, John Iwatsu, Jack Iizuka, Rayer Toki, Shinsaku Koyanagi, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, Karl Akiya, and George Ikeda.

GRAVEL:

All blocks who have finished skirting their buildings should organize volunteers to put in the gravel. They are to be organized by the Block Managers.

MEDICAL STAFF IN THE HOSPITAL:

A telegram is to be sent to the National Director of the WRA from our Project Director, stating the urgency and necessity of increasing the medical staff.

SOLICITING FUNDS:

It was recommended that the new Judicial Commission put into effect an ordinance to stop the soliciting of funds.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on January 7, 1943. The new Council members are also to be invited to this meeting to familiarize themselves with the procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING
December 28, 1942
24th Session
12:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota. Council members absent were Albert Kosakura, James Hirabayashi, Mas Sakakihara, Isamu Ueyhara, Clarke Harada, John Iwatsu, Jack Iizuka, Rayer Toki, Shinsaku Koyanagi, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, Karl Akiya, and George Ikeda.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected.

LETTERS OF THANKS:

Hachiro Yuasa made a motion that we send letters of appreciation along with words of season's greetings to various organizations, such as Block Managers, Members of the Judicial Commission, Members of the Merit Rating Board, appointive Administrative staff members, Delta Lions Club, Mayor of Delta, Project Attorneys, and others. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

CHIEF OF INTERNAL SECURITY:

Mr. Fridley has gone to Civil Service work. Mr. Lewis is filling his vacancy on a temporary basis.

Mr. Bell stated that Mr. Lewis is here permanently. He may be able to qualify for his present position.

SCRAP IRON DRIVE:

Mr. Stapley of Delta, the head of the scrap iron drive would like to have the residents of Topaz to go to Delta for another drive tomorrow. The Chairman had a talk with Ed Kitow, and it was understood that the Block Managers will take over this.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN DR. HIROTA AND MR. ERNST ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT AROSE IN THE
LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

Gravel:

According to Mr. H. Watson, he is going to contact the Block Managers and get volunteers who will go out to load gravel. Mr. Watson has an idea that he can make a driveway in the pit and the gravel can be pushed into the trucks. It will take another ten days or two weeks to make this loader so until such time, he is trying to get volunteer help from the Block Managers. Those blocks that want to start can get in touch with their Block Managers.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ernst will talk with Mr. Hughes and the Block Managers and discuss matters so each block will have its own system. The main thing is to check and see that everyone is in attendance at the time of the roll call.

NECESSITY OF ADDING MEDICAL STAFF IN THE HOSPITAL:

Telegram is to be sent to Mr. Dillon S. Myer from Mr. Ernst.

INTERNAL SECURITY:

Shiro Shibata reported that the Chief, Captains, etc. are to be appointed, and then if there are any trouble among the Internal Security, they would like to keep the trouble among themselves, but they are having a hard time trying to get the Chief of Police. They want to set up an organization so that they can settle disputes among themselves.

SOLICITING FUNDS:

Ernest Iiyama suggested that the Council recommend to the new Judicial Commission that they have some kind of ordinance that no soliciting of funds are to be allowed. Ask for donations at the dining halls instead of going from door to door getting contributions.

The Chairman stated that the new board that is to be created will have to make various ordinances. This problem is one of the things that they should bring to their attention.

MR. NISHIMURA'S TRIP TO TULELAKE:

He gave various interesting points on his trip to Tulelake. Some of the interesting points:

The train schedules were delayed a great deal from the usual scheduled times. To stop at the station and get coffee, a person is allowed only one cup of coffee at a time. He noticed that everywhere he stopped, he can easily see that the country was in a war period.

Tulelake population is about 15,000. (Twice as large as Topaz.) A lot of ducks and geese can be seen all over, and he heard crying of ducks all night through. Ducks are not permitted to take out, but rumors are that almost everyone had some sort of duck dinner so far. The buildings of the barracks are about the same as Topaz, but the rooms are much bigger out there. Each barrack is divided into five rooms so the people have more space than us. But their floors are not of masonite--somewhat similar to the floors in Tanforan. There are no double doors and no hallways like we have. Their latrines are also similar to the kinds we had in Tanforan so our restroom facilities are better. One thing that they have advantage over us are the windows. It will open sideways and also to the top so the rain won't come in. To go to the dining hall and eat they do not have to wait in line like we do, but they just walk in and sit down, and the service is on the table. One can serve himself or herself as he or she wishes. Some dining halls, regardless of their religion, pray before they eat. The residents of Oregon and Washington are known as white Japanese, and the residents from California are known as yellow Japanese because the residents of Oregon and Washington are said to be more Americanized than the residents of California. Hospital: There are more than ten medical doctors. There are more than fifteen registered nurses and about 25 student nurses. The hospital there is twice as big as the hospital here. They really have a wonderful staff of doctors and dentists. The Block Managers have Block Managers' offices in the end of the apartments. They have big responsibility of taking care of mails, including telegrams. The Council has just been elected. They have a ward system consisting of nine blocks wards. The Councilmen consists of 27 members. The present Councilmen of 67 are not enjoying such a high reputation. Their canteens are enormous. They have four different canteen centers.

They have shoe repair shops, barbers, beauty shops--they even sell engagement rings, and radios. Last month's business amounted to \$120,000. They haven't enough cash registers so they accepted a script system. Soil of Tulelake is a virgin soil--everything grows so big that they are having a hard time trying to harvest the crops in time. There are about 250 residents to a block, about the same as ours.

FOOD COMMITTEE FOR THE BLOWOUT:

The committee consists of Hachiro Yuasa, Shinji Yamamoto, Albert Kosakura, Mike Maruyama, Dr. George Ochikubo, and Harry Tawa. The Council is planning to have the party on January 6, 1943.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be a combined meeting between the old Council members and the new Council members. It will be held on January 7, 1943. Dr. George Ochikubo made a motion that we have combined meeting on January 7, 1943, Thursday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. The motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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