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JOINT MEETING OF THE RETIRING COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL AND THE NEWLY ELECTED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Time: 1:45  
Place: 69-6

Chairman: Nishimura  
Present: Quorum

Nishimura: Will the meeting come to order. The old members please stand up. Roll call -----.

Assistant Project Director Mr. Wolter would like to say a few words.

Wolter: I want to welcome you to the halls of the Council and give you some background about the United States. In working with the Community Council, we have come across difficulties and we have had successes; it goes back a good many years concerning the American Government. I would like to take you back a good many years concerning the American Government and pass out to you the Declaration of Independence which forms the very corner stone of the government structure. Here are some mimeographed copies of the Declaration of Independence.

I would like to have you look particularly at the third paragraph. As you know, the government of the United States differs from most governments in its structure. As we understand the difficulties of the earlier people still under English rule, we begin to appreciate what the Declaration of Independence means. Look there at the third paragraph:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

And then on page 3: "WE, THEREFORE, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions do, in the Name, and by authority of the good People of these United Colonies, are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; what they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be



totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

That is the basis upon which the American Government began and in following it through and in order to maintain the security for the people, the Constitution of the United States was developed. In that Constitution, means were provided by which the Government of the United States might be changed or might be ordered or conditions changed and altered continuously. We often criticize Democracy. Democracy is an ideal which has not been attained but something towards which we must strive to reach. You have experienced some of the evils. We have not utilized the methods and the means set up in the Constitution for the guarantee of rights. It is strange and surprising to note that out of about 100,000 evacuated from the West Coast, we have only 5 cases in court challenging that ideal. This shows, as was stated in the Declaration of Independence, a willingness to accept rather than to work towards the ideal. Our purpose in Community Government here is to wake people to thinking, not only to help solve our problems, your problems and my problems, together our problems, but also to think more clearly about government. We have a problem of reconstruction.

The ideals of the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States are ideals for all men, for all time. I would like to pass out to the new Council and some of the old, the Constitution of the United States so that you may also learn by your own reading what it contains.

I wish to call your attention to the Bill of Rights, the 10 amendments which is called the Bill of Rights, beginning on Page 29. I'm not going to read all of it but just a few of the paragraphs.

Article I for instance: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for redress of Grievances." I would like to particularly stress on the last phrase, "redress of grievances."



Turning to Article IV: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

Article V: "No person shall be held to answer for a capital or other infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

Article VI "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed etc."

And particularly also Article XIII; another, Article XIV speaks of citizenship. Toward the end of the paragraph "----nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The Government we have here is not something we call a playtoy. It is true that in this center our powers are limited. They are limited by a number of regulations of the WRA. However, these regulations are not placed upon you when you leave this center. Government within this center has certain definite functions. One is to set up orderly procedures of life within this community. However, that is not a job which can be done alone but through the cooperation of all the people. When the Community Council suggests legislation within this center, they are applicable to the people. We in the Administration are morally bound to assist in every way we can so that things can be pleasant to you.

You yourself and the people in the Community Council have adopted a Constitution just as the Constitution of the United States. Each one should be familiar with



that. We have a copy of that so you can read and study it. As you know, it took a long time to develop this Constitution for the Community. It is now our guide to the Government here in the community. If it is not what you want, it is not what the people want. There is also an opportunity to change it, just as in the Constitution of the United States, by an amendment. Government is the means by which we all get along together. It requires that each one of us be courageous and act. There can be no government among people where there is no expression of ideas, where people are afraid and we get a gang rule. We believe in the ability of the people to govern themselves. In order, therefore, that each one know and assume these duties with full knowledge of these responsibilities and full courage to face them, you will be asked to take the Oath of Office.

Gentlemen, this is a serious oath and I hope that you have all thought it over and that we can look forward in working together for a cooperative understanding and excellently governed community. Mr. Runyan has a message from the Director.

Administating of oath: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will uphold, preserve and obey the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and of Canal (Butte) Community, and that I will faithfully execute my duties as a member of the Community Council of Canal (Butte) Community and will act for the best interests of its residents."

Reading of message from Project Director Bennett:

"Please accept my congratulations upon your election to a position of government in this community. I consider you, as a Councilman, charged with a great responsibility to the residents of the community and just as great a responsibility to the War Relocation Authority. The councilmen who preceded you, and they were the first permanent Councilmen elected, tried most diligently to establish a community government which represented the people and cooperated with the WRA administration. At this time I wish to congratulate them for the effort they put forth.

"Because I will be away from the Center when you are inducted and take your Oath of Office, I would like to state in this letter my understanding, as Director of this Project, of the functions of your office. As Project



Director I am guided by many instructions issued from our Washington Office which place full responsibility for anything happening in the Center directly upon me and also limits my actions and those of the staff and the community in what any of us may do. In some instances these instructions are very clearly defined--in other instances latitude is given to me for the use of my judgement in the best interests of the program as a whole.

"The well-worn statement: 'He governs best who governs least' has been a definite part in my policy as Project Director. With that thought in mind I have consistently delegated authority to Assistant Directors and Division Heads, holding them responsible for the proper conduct of their offices. I have encouraged them to pass on a large share of responsibility to the evacuee members of the community. Just as long as the actions of the appointed staff and the community are consistent with good government and the best interests of all, I have limited my power as Project Director to suggestions and assistance. At times some of the policies have not appeared consistent with the best interests of the WRA or the community and it has been necessary for me to accept the responsibility of reversing decisions. I could not uphold my Oath to be Government and accept the full responsibility with which I am charged unless my actions were in accordance with instructions.

"I trust you will accept your responsibility just as seriously as I accept mine. Many of you are for the first time being given the responsibility for government. One of the primary tenets of democracy is the opportunity of any individual to hold office and to retain that office as long as he is accepted by the people as an honest and sincere worker in their behalf.

"The War Relocation Authority was established for the single purpose of providing a home for you and assistance in relocating and readjusting your lives during and after the war. Most of you are at liberty to take advantage of relocation and leave the Center whenever you wish and I trust you will avail yourselves of that opportunity. While you remain within the Center and are guests of the government it should be your duty to promote the welfare of every person; either evacuee or staff, to give definite assistance in the maintenance of order, property and happiness. Only through the cooperation between the staff and you (as a representative of the people) can these goals be attained.



For best results you should constantly seek out the major problems of your block, regardless of what they may be and be courageous enough to bring them to the Council Meeting for open discussion. If any problem is of community-wide importance, the Council as a whole should accept it and through the Assistant Director in charge of Community Management, bring it to my attention. I will assure you that if a solution can be determined that is consistent with the instructions, it will have my approval. This statement gives you wide latitude.

Finally, I urge you to take Oath of Office most seriously, to attend every meeting of the Council--openly express your opinions, to study the American type of government, for this can only be an American Community, and of great importance to carefully read and acquaint yourself with the Constitution of your community which advises you and limits the responsibility of a Councilman.

I am very confident you will be a hard-working and representative official and that you will live up to your Oath of Office. I wish you every success!"

/s/

L. H. Bennett  
Project Director

Congratulations from Runyan to new Councilmen and to outgoing Councilmen.

Nishimura: Tomorrow at 10 a.m., we are holding a meeting with the incoming Councilmen. I understand that there are 10 Councilmen who came from Jerome and we would like to invite them and discuss our mutual problems with them. Don't forget the meeting at 10 a.m.

Wolter: I would like to say that any time the administration or my office can help, we'll be glad to do so. Any problem that comes up, you can be sure you will be recognized. For those members in the Community Council who are free to speak their minds and still hesitant because something might happen, a little suggestion box will be there at the office which will be for the people who are hesitant to speak their minds. We don't want a lot of anonymous letters. If a person has any idea of how we can make this a better center, they may drop it in the suggestion box. I do want to congratulate you on the splendid work you have done.



Nishimura: Election of executive committee to be held July 1.

(Recession 10 minutes)

Takahashi: Introduction of new administrative notice advising evacuees concerning property.

Wolter: As you will notice a good many parents bought property in the names of their children. Under the State Laws of California unless the children were given control of the property, the State can take the property back because it was brought against the law. It is, therefore, very necessary that you answer no question of any one. No one has the right to come in here and ask questions and get you to sign anything. We have people in this Center who lost their property simply because they spoke at the wrong time and signed a paper. People may come in and ask you questions but they cannot force you to answer, particularly aliens. Under all circumstances when you are in doubt as to what you should do, report to the Project Attorney. His responsibility is one of protection of property for people in this center. He can advise you what to do. Such incidents as losing property occurred because people did not take his advice. It is one of the things that the WRA has fallen down upon very badly. Now we have got to work together. We've got to see that the property is protected. This can only be done if we work together. One of the evacuees lost \$60,000 to \$80,000 in signing a paper. The minute you say something that can be interpreted to mean that the property was in the children's name. Again, don't answer any question, don't say anything. Let them prove it in court. Nothing to be afraid of. They must prove it. Don't talk, don't sign anything.

Nishimura: To the old members of the Council, the minutes of the last meeting were sent to you through the mail. Is there any correction?

Kato: In the minutes recording the votes of the number of votes casted regarding the passing of beer, it was not only beer, but beer and wine.

Nishimura: Is there any other corrections. If not, the minutes will stand approved as read.

Any of you former committee member have any report to make?



Koseki: Chairman and members of the Community Council: Concerning juvenile delinquency, we met with Mr. Stringer and the Assistant Chief of Internal Security. On June 9, we worked with Mr. Stringer in what has been done by the people, of those young people. Of course, Mr. Stringer's answer was as far as the Internal Security is concerned, they haven't any definite action in those cases. We have to have definite instruction from the authoritative source. We discussed a number of matters which has been done but as I stated the young people, after they go to dances or parties, always some sort of damage is caused. Internal Security should send officers to the area after the dance or whatever that occasion is held. The reason was many of the daughters and boys don't mind the officers. So, as far as the Internal Security is concerned, it is very hard to take care of that sort of situation. And, therefore, we need a suggestion and the suggestion Mr. Stringer thought would be a nice thing so we can prevent future property destruction. And first, we suggested this to be done.

Mr. Stringer stated that most of the damage is caused by those especially of the age from 13 to about 17. In order to stop those young man hanging around government property, we recommend this way: After 9 o'clock no children under 17 years of age hang around public places. That is one suggestion. And the next one was, we recommended those who should commit a community crime, his name and address should be published in the newspaper. Assistant Chief told us that there is a very peculiar situation existing in this center. That is for instance, a young man commits a community crime and his name never has been published in the newspaper. In that way, they think that their names are not in the papers and whatever they do the next time, his attitude will be "what do I care." And those are the ones that is the very bad ones and poison to the good ones, so in order to prevent those things, we must place the name and address whoever is the one back of the certain case.

No. 3, we suggested this way. If any group or any person after dance or party should damage government property, that group should be punished so that the following request should be refused. These 3, Mr. Chairman, were suggested by Mr. Stringer.

Nishimura: You have just heard Mr. Koseki's report on Juvenile Delinquency. I think we better take a vote whether we should accept it.



All those in favor/ MR. Koseki's report. (passed)

Shall we discuss this matter on curfew or shall we hold it until the next meeting.

Toyama: This has been held over a lot of times so why not get it over with.

Nishimura: As the cases of mischief by juveniles increased, three members of the committee were appointed. After the study they made a report and recommended the following:

(1) Pass a curfew law stating that no minor under 17 years of age is allowed to loiter around the public places.

(2) When they are arrested, publish name and address in the newspaper.

(3) In such a case the public property is damaged by a group, do not give the permit for the group.

Komuro: I am working as a watchman of the camouflage in the night. Some pass around there in such hour as 2:30 a.m. There should be some rule. If I ask "What's the matter, why so late", they may say "none of your business."

Member: We must have cooperation from the parents. Children enjoy movies but there should be some consideration in the time they go to bed.

Toyama: The movie goes on until about 11 p.m. The C.A.S. must consider it. I think you have some problem. The children do not get enough sleep.

Nishimura: The picture ends so late because the sunset is late now.

Toyama: I do not think there is any necessity to show four pictures. It isn't a money-making proposition. They should consider it so that the picture will not affect the children for their next day's school work.

Koseki: Time is a serious problem for the parents who have young children. When children do not go to bed until 11:30 p.m. on account of the movies, they do not get enough sleep. They hurry to school without their breakfast on that account. Please consider that. I oppose to the exhibition of pictures on week days except on Fridays and



Saturdays. If they stay out too late, the resistance will lower, even if they do not get sick immediately. The parents should be firm on this matter.

Nishimura: The only thing is to change hours to an earlier hour. Someone thinks that 12 o'clock is too late.

Member: 9 is too early.

Member: 10 is just right.

Member: What about night school. We'll have <sup>to</sup> make exceptions for that.

Member: What about children who go for weenie bakes.

N: I'll take a vote on this. Those who think the curfew should be at 10, raise your hand. Just the old councilmen vote on this. (16 votes)

At 9 o'clock (none)  
at 10 o'clock (none)

Member: If you make too many exceptions, it won't work out.

Nishimura: How about taking this matter over to the next meeting. (Motion made and carried that the matter of curfew would be held over to the next meeting.)

Nishimura: The members of the executive committee have thought this matter over and we have decided to hold a parade on the Fourth of July. We have a tentative plan made out here.

(Reading of plan of parade by Mr. Koseki)

Nishimura: As the Fourth of July entertainments can not be charged, The C.A.S. asked a donation of \$100 from the Co-op.

Ikemoto: The soldiers of Camp Shelby sent \$100 to spend for children of this camp. We still have that fund, will you approve it to turn it over to the C.A.S.

Koseki: I suggest that we keep this money until this Christmas and make use of it then.



Member: \$100 is a small amount so why not divide it among the nursery schools.

Member: Use it for ropes on swings and repairing other play things.

Koseki: We received this money for the purpose of buying Christmas presents for young children so it doesn't apply for repairing ropes and things like that. I suggest that we use it for Christmas purposes.

(Holding it until this Christmas is favored.)

(Motion is made and carried that \$40 is to be given to the Canal Project) Meeting adjourned.



## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, October 4, 1943

The first meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by acting chairman, Dr. Earl Yusa at 1:35 p.m. in the office of the Central Block Manager. The chairman asked for nominations for a temporary chairman. Mr. Harry Miyake, Mr. Keizo Ishizu, Mr. George Nishimura, and Mr. Masaru Sunahara were nominated. Mr. Fukushima moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Harry Miyake with twenty-four votes was elected. Roll call showed all members to be present with the exception of Mr. Tokio Yoneda. Mr. L. H. Bennett, Mr. J. H. Terry, Mr. L. T. Hoffman, and Mr. H. W. Wolter were also present.

The temporary chairman introduced Mr. Bennett, Project Director, who stated in a summary that the election of a permanent council was a milestone and development of Rivers. He hoped that the members would take considerable part of the governing of the community from the administration. It was their function to pass and enforce ordinances, to try law-breakers, and to govern the community as in any organized city. The only difference is, should the Community Council act against the National WRA policy, he as director, would have to overrule that decision. This could be avoided by conferring with the staff, particularly, Mr. Wolter, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Hoffman. He stated that he was worried about two things: first, the acceptance of the responsibility; and secondly, the rapidity of carrying it out. Two problems were immediate. First, people going out of bounds without passes to a neighboring store; and secondly, the policing of trash in the community. He wished the council a lot of success and stated that the offices in the Administration Building would always be open to the council. He suggested that since there were no laws to start, they reenact the regulations of the WRA into ordinances.

Oath of office was read by Mr. Miyake, and administered by Mr. Bennett to swear in the members of the permanent Community Council. Mr. Verlin Yamamoto was appointed temporary secretary.

Congratulatory messages were delivered by Mr. Terry, Mr. Hoffman, and Mr. Wolter in which they pledged the unqualified support of the Administration as well as that of their particular departments.

Mr. Miyake asked the pleasure of the assembly regarding the time and place of the next meeting, and discussion followed as to whether an evening or a day meeting preferable. Dr.



Yusa quoted from the Constitution, Section on Meetings, setting the regular meetings at two times a month. It was decided to hold all regular meetings in the Central Block Manager's office. Emphasis was placed on the fact that membership in the council excused all workers from their duties for the purpose of participating in meetings, and it was decided that regular meetings would be held from 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Monday, October 11th at 1:30 p.m.

A memorandum to Mr. Hoffman from Mr. Wolter regarding the Third War Loan Drive was presented by Mr. Miyake, and discussion as to council participation followed. It was felt that although the drive itself had already been concluded, it was favorable for the council to go on record as favoring any bond drives in the future. Mr. Hirose moved that the council go on record as favoring these war bond drives and contact the block managers for active participation. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

A letter from the Japanese American Committee for Democracy regarding the National War Fund Drive was read into the records by Mr. Miyake. It was announced that the quota for this section was set at \$750. After discussion as to possible participation of the center, Mr. Wolter suggested that the matter be referred to committee. Mr. Miyake said that if there were no objections, he would defer reference to committee until permanent officers were installed. The matter was tabled pending this development.

Mr. Miyake then presented a Washington letter over the signature of John H. Provinse, Chief of the Community Management Division, regarding the licensing authority of the council. Mr. Wolter clarified by explanation, Administrative Instruction 34, in which licensing authority was granted to the Community Council providing a regulatory measure and, at the same time, allowing a source of revenue. He explained that Washington has since canceled the pertinent section, and that Mr. Provinse's letter asks the pleasure of the council regarding the restoration of the licensing provision of this section. It was further explained that this provision would be for regulatory purposes only as all fees which might be collected would have to be turned over to the miscellaneous fund of the War Relocation Authority. It was suggested that Community Enterprises should be consulted upon this point, but it was pointed out that the enterprises were under the jurisdiction of the council. After much discussion as to advantages of having this authority reassigned, it was suggested by Mr. Wolter that the matter be referred to committee. This suggestion was rejected pending election of permanent officer and the matter was tabled.



It was suggested that a vote of thanks be extended Dr. Earl Yusa and the temporary Community Council for their fine work in laying the ground work for the permanent council, and this was done by acclamation.

As there was no further business, the chairman entertained a motion for adjournment. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the meeting be adjourned, and it was so ordered. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto  
Secretary Pro Tempore



## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

October 11, 1943

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 1:38 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected. Roll call showed Mr. Ikemura, Mr. Hasegawa, and Mr. Nishino absent. A resignation was received from Mr. Nishino.

Mr. Miyake reported a labor problem upon which he had taken personal action as it had occurred in the interim between meetings and the situation demanded immediate attention. Mr. Kato asked for an outline of the case, and Mr. Miyake outlined it as follows: The problem resulted from a misunderstanding in the Dairy Section in which a worker was terminated because of stealing milk, and for that reason, he was turned over to the Internal Security for further disposition. This evacuee was told that there will be a hearing coming soon and until then, he was not to seek other employment and further that his termination was not clear with possibility of jail sentence. This being the case, the remaining workers began to feel uneasiness and since this division was working short-handed, and also, according to the person concerned, it looked very clear that intimidation and some threat was influenced against him, I felt it very urgent that I correct this situation at once before it got to the public. Internal Security was contacted and it was disclosed that there were no charges filed against him. Further contact with Employment Division disclosed that on the third day his termination was not reported. On the fourth day the Employment Division and the Agriculture Division (Dairy Section) with myself and the evacuee met and upon investigation, it was proven insubordination on the part of the evacuee. The need for a committee to hear these labor grievances was expressed, and the chair was charged with the responsibility to appoint such a body.

The chairman reported the formation of the Community Hospital Health Board, and Mr. Yamamoto explained its set-up and functions. The Board is composed of six voting members. One representative from each Community Council, the Assistant Chief Medical Officer, the Hospital Administrator, the Senior Administrative Officer, and the Deputy Project Director. The Chief Medical Officer, The Chief of Community Management, and the Project Director sit upon the Board without vote. Provisions are made for alternates from each of these representative bodies to sit in case of absence of the constituted representative. For the time being, the Board has been set up to fill an advisory function and to act as a correlating body between the administration, hospital, and the community residents.



The order of the day was the election of officers, and the chairman asked the pleasure of the assembly regarding the manner in which the election was to be conducted. Mr. Fukushima moved that the nominations be made from the floor. Motion was seconded by Mr. Aratani and unanimously carried. Nominations for chairman were declared opened. Mr. Miyake was nominated. It was moved, seconded, and carried that nominations be closed, and the candidate was unanimously elected. Nominations were opened for the office of vice-chairman. Mr. Fukushima and Mr. Hirose were nominated. The nominations were closed. Mr. Fukushima was elected. Nominations for secretary were declared opened. Mr. Yamamoto was nominated. It was moved, seconded, and carried that nominations be closed, and the candidate was unanimously elected. For treasurer, Messrs. Aratani, Ikemoto, Hirose, and Kato were nominated. Voting was by written ballot. Reading was checked by Mr. William Tuttle and tally by Miss Rosalie Hankey. Mr. Kato was elected.

Mr. Miyake read Mr. Dillon S. Myer's letter to the evacuee doctors regarding the shortage of medical personnel in some centers, and requesting their co-operation in cases where transfer the reallocation were expedient.

Mr. Ishizu reported the completion of the signing of the petitions asking for the retention of Dr. Jack C. Sleath as the Chief Medical Officer of this project, and the one asking the administration to delegate full powers concerning the dietary section to Dr. Grace Lawson, hospital nutritionist. The chairman appointed a committee of four consisting of Messrs. Yamamoto, Fukushima, Ikemoto, and Hirose to formulate resolutions to be presented with the petitions. Mr. Kato moved that the committee be empowered to draft and present these resolutions expressing the wishes of the community in these regards. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fukushima, and carried unanimously.

The next order of business was the selection of the Executive Board, and after some discussion Mr. Fukushima moved that three members beside the secretary and chairman prescribed in Section 13 of the constitution constitute the Executive Board. It was suggested by Mr. Yamamoto that a temporary board be composed of the elected officers, and that more permanent members be appointed at a later date after necessary foundations for committee work had been laid. Suggestion was adopted by general consent.

Mr. Hirose reported on the contributions of the Canal and Butte Chapters of the American Red Cross. The report is appended herewith.



Mr. Kato presented a question and problem of the community regarding government issue of soap and household brooms. It was the feeling of the council that soap should be made available to the evacuees by the government, but it was pointed out that the WRA was responsible only for initial issue. It was reported by Mr. Kato that Co-operative Enterprises has had considerable difficulty in making adequate purchases of soap for sale to the evacuees. Mr. Yamamoto suggested that investigation be made regarding availability of surplus soap from the hospital. Mr. Miyake, Mr. Kato, Mr. Ishizu, and Mr. Hirose were appointed by the chairman for investigation and report.

The question regarding the appointment of the Community clerk was raised, but since there was no immediate need for this function, the appointment was postponed.

Considerable discussion regarding inter-relationships of the block managers and council members followed Mr. Ishizu's question, and it was the general consensus that the councilmen although representative of the blocks endeavor to subordinate as much block consciousness as possible and work for the good of the community as a whole.

The chairman asked the pleasure of the assembly regarding the time of the next meeting, and after some discussion as to the advisability of holding weekly meetings until such time as the council is fully organized, Mr. Hirose moved to hold the next meeting on Monday, October 18. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ishizu. Further discussion brought out the point that one week would leave insufficient time for the Executive Board to formulate an organizational chart and appointment of committee heads. The second was withdrawn by Mr. Ishizu, and the motion was lost for want of a second.

Since there was no further business, the chairman entertained a motion for adjournment. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to reconvene upon notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto,  
Secretary



## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

October 21, 1943

A special meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 3:30 p.m. It was moved seconded and carried unanimously to the dispense with the reading of the minutes. The resignation of Mr. Kamoichi Nishino, representative from block 56, was accepted unanimously, Mr. Shimasaki, the candidate with the next highest number of votes in that block was accepted as the new representative. Mr. Iriyama, newly elected councilman from block 54, was introduced to the council.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Fukushima to render the report of the temporary Executive Board as to its work on the composition and set up of the Executive Board. It was the recommendation of the Committee that the Executive Board should be composed of five members. Namely, the chairman and secretary of the Council, two representatives from the community at large, one representative from the Council body and the Central Block Manager serving ex officio. The Committee further recommended that the representatives from the community at large be Mr. Yuhei Oshima and Mr. Shutaro Hikida. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to accept the report of the Committee with thanks. It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Committee and discussion as to the composition of the board followed. Mr. Fukushima spoke in support of Mr. Hikida as a possible board member and Mr. Kato was called upon as a business associate to present the qualifications of Mr. Oshima. Further discussion followed as to the desirability of having non members sit on the executive board. The question was put to vote and the motion was lost. It was moved and seconded that the Executive Board be composed of five members: two officers as prescribed in the constitution two from the community at large, 1 from the Council Body and the Central Block Manager, serving ex officio. The question was put to vote and the motion was lost. It was moved and seconded and unanimously carried that the Executive Board be composed of five members of the Council. The matter was returned to the Committee for further deliberation and report.

At this point the Chairman turned over the chair to the Vice-Chairman in order to render the committee report on the organization chart of the Council. The suggested is herewith appended. It was moved seconded and unanimously carried to adopt the organization chart as presented. By general consent, it was decided that the heads of the three main divisions should be elected by ballots. Nominations were declared open and the following were nominated; Dr. David Takahashi,



Mr. Shigemi Aratani, Mr. George Nishimura, and Mr. Motojiro Iwata. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to close the nominations and Dr. Takahashi, Mr. Aratani and Mr. Nishimura was elected. Tally was checked by Mr. Wolter. Question arose as to the selection of the section heads and it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to refer these appointments to the Executive Board.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 5:27 p.m. to reconvene upon notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto  
Secretary



## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, October 25, 1943

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 1:30 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The chairman asked for a report on the meeting of the Executive Board. It was reported that Mr. Miyake would be the chairman of the Board; Mr. Shigemasa Aratani, Chairman of the Administrative Division; Mr. George Nishimura, Chairman of the Works Division; and Dr. David Takahashi, Chairman of the Welfare Division. The chairman of the three divisions announced the personnel of their various commissions, and they are herewith appended. The chairman requested each division head to arrange a divisional meeting to be held during the coming week. It was announced that the Canal Council is awaiting a possible joint meeting of the Executive Boards. A detailed explanation of the duties of the councilmen serving on the various commissions was made by the chairman. Mr. Aratani reported that he would arrange a brief meeting with the various members of the appointed staff which are related with his division.

Mr. Bennett was requested to give a brief summary of the responsibilities, duties, and authority of the council and the Judicial Commission. He said that the over-all policy of the War Relocation Authority has been to delegate as much authority as is possible to the Community Councils. He strongly recommended that the council be very closely associated with the administration, and a very definite working relationship should be established. He reported that although the budget for the new fiscal year has been drastically reduced, the administration would be open to any suggestions from the council as to ways and means of allotting the available funds. He suggested that the Labor and Judicial commissions should be established immediately. Ordinances should be drawn up so that the Judicial Commission would have a basis upon which to work. Each commission should feel free to meet with the appropriate administrative head to discuss and settle any problems. Several questions were brought up by members of the council and were satisfactorily answered by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Ishizu, Public Relations Commissioner, was called upon to report upon the National War Fund Drive. He reported on a meeting of the committee for this area, and that the quota for this year has been set at \$750. It was the recommendation of the committee that all project workers including the appointed staff would be asked to contribute one day's pay. Any



money collected in excess of \$750 will remain in the center for use by the budgetary allocations to the various organizations such as the USO, Boy Scouts of America, Young Men's Christian Association, Nursing Education, etc. The drive will be held from November 1st to 5th inclusive, and it was the suggestion of the committee that the only groups which will be allowed to ask for contributions during the year would be the Red Cross and Community Chest. The chairman asked for comments and questions, and it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to support the Community Chest Drive from November 1st to 5th inclusive. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to authorize the Red Cross and the Community Chest to conduct drives in the community during the year.

Mr. Wolter introduced two guests, Miss Rosalie Hankey and Dr. Gordon Brown, from the Community Analysis Section. Miss Hankey was introduced as a research fellow from the University of California, Study on Evacuation and Relocation. Dr. Brown holds the position of Community Analyst, and it was reported that many WRA policies had been changed or established because of recommendations from this particular group of workers. It was the opinion of the council that members of this section would be welcome at all times to attend the meetings for purposes of gathering data for their reports and research.

The chairman announced that he had been invited as representative of the council to attend and speak at the ceremonies attendant to the first anniversary of the Rivers Community Hospital, and asked the pleasure of the assembly regarding the words he would speak on its behalf. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the chairman extend the appreciation of the council for the fine work and service that the hospital organization has rendered the community during the past year and to carry on in the same spirit in the years to come.

Mr. Kanagaki reported that the Community Activities Section wished to make its position clear in regard to the present football situation. He assured the council that CAS is doing everything possible to minimize accidents in its play ground sports, and that they are asking prior approval of the parents before allowing participation in tackle football. He reported also that the high school will furnish head gear, pads, and other necessary protective equipment.



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Regulations as to height and weight will be made. The matter was referred to the Recreation and Play Ground Commission for further investigation and report.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 o'clock to reconvene on further notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto  
Secretary

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BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Shigemi Aratani, Chairman

Codification and Legislation

Tsutomu Ikemura  
Joe Nakade

Budget and Finance

Tamotsu Ikemoto  
Harry Okino

Relocation

James Tujimoto

Public Relation

Keizo Ishizu

License

Henry Kondo

WORKS DIVISION

George Nishimura, Chairman

Agriculture

Mr. Iriyama  
Henry Murashige

Labor Relation and

Employment  
George Takemoto  
Sadao Yamaguchi

Public Works

John I. Fukushima

Fire and Police

Masaru Sunahara

WELFARE DIVISION

Dr. David Takahashi, Chairman

Mass Operations

Motojiro Iwata  
Motatsugu Shimasaki

Religion

Tokio Yoneda  
Masao Sakai

Public Health

Masato Kato  
George Okazaki

Recreation and Play

Ground  
George Kanagaki  
Shinji Shigenaka

Housing

Sadamu Hirose

Enterprise

H. Morimoto  
Masao Harry Hasegawa

Education

Kohei Kogura

Welfare

Sataro Takeda



## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, November 9, 1943

A regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 1:45 o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected. The correction was in regard to the CAS report that the CAS statement was made by Mr. Shotaro Hikida instead of Mr. Kanagaki as recorded. Messrs. Takeda and Ikemura and Doctor Takahashi were not present. Mr. Yamasaki, Councilman from Block #47 was introduced to the Council at this time.

The Chairman turned the chair over to Mr. Fukushima in order to render the committee report on the soap situation. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the committee recommend to the Cooperative Enterprise that the surplus seven thousand bars of soap be purchased from the hospital at cost. A request was made by Mr. Kato that a memorandum be sent from the Council to the Block Managers stating that such a proposal had been made, so there would be no possibility of misunderstanding. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that a special committee composed of the Enterprise Commission and the Soap Committee meet with a committee from the Co-op to discuss and report regarding the possibility of soap manufacture in the project.

Mr. Ishizu, Public Relations Commissioner was called upon to submit his report. The proposed Armistice Day parade to be sponsored by the Ex-Service Men's Association was presented at this time. It was suggested by Mr. Wolter that any activity such as this one which would affect the center as a whole should receive the approval of the Council before the sponsoring organizations invites the participation of other organizations. The suggestion was adopted by general consent and the Chairman asked the Cooperation of the Council, in-so-far-as this parade was concerned. Mr. Ishizu read a letter received from Reverend Nicholson of Pasadena regarding Dr. William C. Carr. It was reported that Doctor Carr has been, prior to evacuation and up to present time, a very active leader among the Nisei and a person who has been extremely interested in the problems of the Japanese as a whole. It was pointed out that largely through the efforts of Doctor Carr, the gifts at Christmas time for children in this and other centers was made possible. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that a letter be sent to Doctor Carr inviting him to visit the center at any time and also to extend the appreciation of the Council for the fine work and service he has rendered in the past.



A letter regarding the use of barracks in Block #42 for community recreational purposes was referred to Mr. Kanagaki, Recreation Commissioner. He announced a picnic to be held at Fox Butte, Wednesday evening, November 10, and extended an open invitation to the members of the Council and their ladies. He also announced that invitations would go to all Caucasian Division and Section Heads, Block Managers, Councilmembers and Evacuee Representatives of Divisions. The primary purpose of the picnic was to thus become better acquainted with our appointed personnel.

A resignation was received and read from Mr. Hasagawa, councilman from Block #61, who is relocating in near future.

Important problems were presented by Mr. Wolter. He reported that since there was a shortage of stoves in this center, immediate action by the Housing Commission was indicated in order that the families who donnot have stoves in their apartments would not suffer during the winter for lack of one. Mr. Hirose reported that the situation in Butte Community was well under control. But that meeting of the Housing Section with Committees from the Council were under way. After much discussion the Mess Operation and Labor Relcations Commission were requested to meet and report by the end of this week, regarding the possibilities of consolidating residents or closing mess halls in order to reduce the overhead of the Mess Operations Sections.

Mr. Tsujimoto, Relocation Commissioner was instructed to meet with Mr. John C. Baker, Washington Head of the Relocation program who is anxious to confer with an evacuee committee on relocation from this center.

The Chairman announced on behalf of the Internal Security that the department was having difficulty obtaining uniforms. Since fines are collected from offenders, the question was raised as to whether or not this fund could be used for such a purpose. The matter was referred to the Police and Fire Commission for further investigation and report.

An announcement was made by Mr. Iwata, on behalf of the Mess Operations Head, Mr. Harold Keadle, that all members of the Council would be welcome at any time to his office.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Kondo, Chairman of the Licensing Commission regarding the licensing of the Dental laboratory on this project. Mr. Kondo stated that a report will be made soon bythe commission.



Mr. Wolter asked the consideration of the Council regarding Juvenile Delinquency problems in relation to welfare of the people in the community. Mr. Yamasaki was appointed by the Chairman to work with Mr. Takeda on the welfare commission.

Lieutenant Sunahara gave a statement regarding the burning of bonfires in the early morning and stated that fires in metal drums would be allowed, provided that a permit was issued to the party by the Fire Department and Internal Security.

Dr. Gordon Brown <sup>Handed</sup>Expressed a few words of thanks to the Council for allowing Miss <sup>Handed</sup>and himself to attend the meetings. He also stated that the members of the Section would be welcome at all times to visit his Section.

Mr. Wolter stated that any member of the Council would be welcome to sit at any of the hearings for segregation and Relocation and participate in them. The meetings are to be held in Mr. Wolter's office. The Chairman recommended members attend some of the hearings.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Block Manager's organization thanking them for the fine work, the organization has rendered in the past, and requesting their continued cooperation.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 3:35 o'clock to reconvene on further notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Yamamoto  
Executive Secretary

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## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, November 15, 1943

Special meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 1:45 o'clock. Roll call showed Messrs. Takeda, Iriyama, Nakada, and Hasegawa absent. Mr. Fred Shimizu of the Community Activities Section was present as guest. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected. Correction was made in the title of William C. Carr as it was pointed out that his title should be Mr. and not Doctor.

The Chairman called upon the Health Commissioner, Mr. Kato, for his report. Report embodied plans for a "clean up day" to be held on November 27, 1943. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the Commissions report and recommendation.

The next report was rendered by Mr. Shigenaka, Recreation Commissioner, who introduced Mr. Shimizu. He gave his report on a plan for a civic and recreation center to be constructed in Block #42. The proposed plan is herewith appended. Mr. Shimizu emphasized that such a center was extremely important and necessary to promote the welfare of the young peoples groups here in the center. He felt that provision of recreational facilities were invaluable as deterrant to juvenile delinquency. It was reported that the W.R. A. would bear the expenses of such construction and this was clarified by Mr. Wolter's statement that it must be included in the budget request for the coming fiscal year. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the report and recommendations of the Recreation Commission.

Mess Operations Commission report was rendered by Mr. George Nishimura. It was reported that the problem placed before the Commission at the last meeting regarding the reduction of the sectional over head was of such pressing nature the time for deliberation was limited. The solution to the problem apparently lay in one or a combination of three steps: (1) consolidation of block residence, (2) closing of selected mess halls, (3) reductions in all mess crews on a per capita basis. The Commission met with the Mess Supervisors and it was decided to adopt the third course. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the Commissions report and adopt its action. Mr. Aratani requested registry of his dissenting vote.

The Relocation Commission was called upon for its report and Mr. Tadjimoto reported his meeting with Mr. John C. Baker,



Washington Head of the Relocation Program. He quoted Mr. Baker as saying "that an intensive relocation education program would be instituted in all centers and that a new relocation division would be established." It was reported that a fund of \$500,000 had been earmarked by the W.R.A. for use by relocators in the event of illness, disability, or unemployment. In view of the fact that a Relocation Division is to be set up at this project in compliance with the new program, it was the recommendation of the Commission that Mr. William M. Huso be suggested by the Council to head this division. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the report of the Commission with the addition of the name of Mrs. James H. Terry for consideration as Relocation Division Head.

Commissioner Lieutenant Sunahara reporting for the Fire and Police Commission stated that fines which are collected from center residents must be sent to Washington. In regard to furnishing uniforms for Internal Security men the Lieutenant reported that other centers are having uniforms purchased by the W.R.A. He will contact these other centers by letter and report further. Mr. Kondo, Licensing Commissioner, stated his Commission was not yet ready for report.

In interim report was given by Mr. Ikemura, Chairman of the Codification and Legislation Commission, and requested a meeting with the Health and Licensing Commissions. He reported that the Commission has made a study of the code of offenses as listed in the Administrative Instructions and that it would use it as a basis for a more complete code.

Mr. Wolter brought up the question of the Judicial Commission and after much discussion it was suggested that the Executive Board make immediate study and report at the next meeting. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to table this matter and make it a special order for consideration at the following meeting.

Mr. Hirose, the Chairman of the Housing Commission, and reported to the members of the Commission as follows: Mr. Kinoshita, Central Block Manager; Mr. Shimizu, C.A.S.; and Block Managers Itabayashi and Satomi. Mr. Hirose requested that the Council accept his recommendations for Commission members and it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the Commissioners report.

After some discussion regarding a Community Clerk and his functions, it was decided by common consent to charge the Executive Board with selecting a Community Clerk so that the provisions of the Constitution regarding general elections for Council members would be complied with.



The Secretary read a letter from Mr. W.C. Sawyer, Chairman of the Community Chest Drive, and requesting that the Council select a trustee to serve on the Special Budget Committee to administer the fund. Mr. Miyake was unanimously elected to fill this position.

A Letter of resignation from Mr. Noboru Iriyama, Councilman from Block #54 was read by Mr. Fukuyama. The date of receipt was recorded, but it was the opinion of the council that the stated reason was not sufficient and the Executive Board was charged by general consent to meet with Mr. Iriyama to clarify his reason.

Mr. Kanagaki announced that since the project was unable to bear the expenses of the get-together-picnic the previous Wednesday, it was decided to assess all evacuees who were present 5¢ each and the members of the appointed personnel 15¢. Mr. Miyake asked permission of the Council to donate \$5., thereby covering the Council members' assessments as a memorial for his son, Gilbert who recently passed away. By general consent, the Council accepted the gesture with thanks.

The possibility of the sale of beer in the center was suggested and after much discussion, the Chairman chose a special committee composed of Messers. Ikemuro, Kato, and Nishimura to further investigate the problems involved and render the report at the next meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 4:15 o'clock to reconvene at 1:30 on Monday, November 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Yamamoto  
Executive Secretary

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NOTES ON A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
November 15, 1943

From the Official Minutes Together With the  
Notes Made by the Community Analyst

A special meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by the Chairman Mr. Miyake at 1:45 P.M. The roll was called, showing four members absent. Mr. Fred Shimizu of Community Activities Section was present as a guest. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Chairman called upon the Health Commissioner, Mr. Masato Kato, for his report.

Mr. Kato reported that on the previous Saturday, the Butte and the Canal Committee members met Dr. Dyo, the sanitary inspector. Mr. Dyo reported that the public health condition was unsatisfactory. The public was lethargic. Education was needed to keep the place sanitary. The joint committees recommended a public health day on November 23, the slogan to be "A Day's Effort for Our Health". A schedule was drawn up to get all bedding outside, blocks cleaned, the laundry rooms and mess halls cleaned outside. Inspection crews were to visit each block once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Other details were explained. The report was translated into Japanese.

Mr. Fukushima said that the offending smell of the culvert from the mess hall from scraps and garbage makes dirty stagnant water. Mr. Iwata proposed periodic cleanups, noting that at Santa Anita they had such a cleanup every other week.

Mr. Kato said this clean-up day is educational and competitive. He moved to accept the Committee's report. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

The report of the Recreational and Playground Committee was made by Mr. Shigenaka. It was explained that the work of this Committee had been taken over by Messrs. Shigenaka and Miyake because the Chairman was too busy to do the duty. Mr. Shigenaka introduced Mr. Shimizu.

Mr. Shimizu read the statistics showing an increase in juvenile delinquency throughout the country. As preventatives, he cited curfew laws. He said that the next step is to make comprehensive recreational facilities; there should be teen age night clubs, for example.



Kinoshita: There are 141 Block janitors, Washington says cut to 98; many of them may not work for such service unless there is an advantage in the hours they work. We may ask them again to reconsider, but the result I can't predict.

A voice: When they quit, the block manager has difficulty in keeping the latrine sanitary, ask the Sanitation Committee to cooperate to make the situation clear.

Another voice: Ask them to reduce some gardeners around some localities which are not so essential and keep janitors.

Another: If evacuees are given the function of adjusting the employment situation, the problem will be solved.

Ishizu: Regarding the Kira shooting incident Mr. Bennett explained at the Community Council. The sentry had shot two blank shots before shooting. When he shoots, he shoots to kill and there is no such order as to shoot in the leg. He shot at 160 yards, the wound is shallow. They are taught to hate enemies and their attitudes are not friendly even to the Administration who come in contact with evacuees. That is the situation. Mr. Fukushima made a report that the young man was a seven pounds baby when he was born and was weak since; he had a tendency to nervousness. That morning the mother was working in the beauty shop. The son went to call her out and they went home. He started to use violence to strangle her. Mr. Fukushima wanted to pass a resolution expressing that as we have no arms we desire the M.P.s be restrained from shooting. As we think the delay of the leave clearance was affecting his mental condition and causes worry for many, we desire the improvement of delay in leave clearance.

Hirose: Orders to soldiers are the same. The sentry will not shoot to frighten. If he did not shoot, the punishment might be heavier. We want the M.P.s to stay outside the area. It is desirable to report to proper authorities if a person is mentally affected to prevent repetition and I am preparing a resolution in a written form to present to the Community Council.

A voice: If shooting power is given to M.P.s., why not given power to catch them when the sentry had a suspicion that the young man is mentally wrong when he heard him say "I am the President."



Nishimura: There was no time. The Council had agreed it was best in the previous discussion.

Iwata: It gives each mess crew a number of workers according to the population of the block.

Miyake: The figure shows a reduction of 143. The actual reduction is only 98.

Mr. Miyake explained that Block 45 was closed, the mess hall, that is. He explained the shift of the budget and why mess halls had to agree to the deduction. Mr. Aratani protested the closing of 45 mess hall. Miyake defended the closing because of the small number of residents in the block.

Hirose: In response to Mr. Aratani's question: Block 45 was opened only temporarily in September 1943 and it was announced it would be closed on short notice.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Ishizu: Was it accepted by the Supervisors?

A: Yes.

The motion was carried. Mr. Aratani registered dissent.

Messrs. Yamaguchi and Iwata were asked for a written report. It was suggested that Mr. Miyake make a report as he attended all the meetings. There was some slight hearted discussion on this point.

The Relocation Commission was called for its report and Mr. Tsujimoto reported his meeting with Mr. John C. Baker of the Washington Office. He quoted Mr. Baker as saying that "the intensive relocation education program would be instituted in all centers and that a new relocation division would be established." It was reported that a fund of \$500,000 had been earmarked by the WRA for use by relocators in the event of illness, disability, or unemployment. In view of the fact that a Relocation Division is to be set up at this project in compliance with the new program, it was recommended by the Commission that Mr. William M. Huso be suggested by the Council to head this Division.

Kato: Why recommend Mr. Huso?

In response, Mr. Aratani explained the new set-up in employment.



Miyake: Can other names be included in the recommendation? I want to suggest Mrs. Terry.

Yamamoto: Are these persons qualified?

Aratani: I don't know. This is just a recommendation.

The motion was put and carried.

Commissioner Lieutenant Sunahara reported for the Fire and Police Commission. He said that fines collected from the center residents must be sent to Washington. In regard to furnishing uniforms for Internal Security, the Lieutenant reported that other centers are having uniforms purchased by the WRA. He will contact the other centers and report further.

Mr. Kondo, Licensing Commissioner, stated that his Commission was not yet ready to report.

Mr. Ikemura, Chairman of the Codification and Legislation Committee, gave an interim report. He requested a meeting with the Health and Licensing Commission. He reported that the Commission had made a study of the code of offenses as listed in the Administrative Instruction and that it would be used as a basis for a more complete code. A joint meeting had been held with the Canal Commission.

It was commented that the WRA instructions seem to be based on the Indian Service. Each member is to receive a copy of a code. The report was accepted as a report of progress.

Mr. Wolter brought up the question of the Judicial Commission.

Miyake: We have not yet made the appointments. I hope to report the appointments by the next meeting.

Mr. Wolter explained the juvenile court and juvenile guidance group.

Hirose: The Community Council should perform its duty; they should appoint the Judicial Commission immediately. There is already a gambling case ready for trial.

Mr. Ishizu asked the Chairman about the Poston Judicial Committee. Mr. Miyake said that he did not know. He said that Rohwer had a Judicial Commission and tried their first case while he was there. He thinks we can do it here.



One member spoke. He said that we are free people, in some way, but are still under the supervision of the U. S. Government. He agrees in principle with Mr. Hirose but thinks a commission should be a mixed group. For example, choose them from the appointed personnel, the block managers, etc. Another member said that the Council enacts the laws, therefore, there should not be a judicial commission.

Mr. Wolter advises against this course and gave reasons for the separation of the Judicial and Legislative branches of the Government. Mr. Miyake suggested that the report be tabled. Mr. Wolter said that the Chairman can't make a motion. It was moved and seconded to table the matter and make it a special order for consideration at the following meeting. The motion was carried.

Mr. Hirose, Chairman of the Housing Commission, reported that the matter of stoves was well in hand. Seven new stoves were installed and 58 old ones were moved from empty apartments to the occupied units. Linoleum had been distributed and work had been done on a voluntary basis by Dr. Doucha's request. He also reported that the members of the Commission were as follows: Chairman, Kinoshita, Central Block Manager; Mr. Shimizu, CAS; the Block Managers Messrs. Itabayashi and Satomi, together with the Council members of the Committee. It was moved seconded and carried unanimously to accept the commissioner's report.

Mr. Ishizu said that the December elections were coming soon and preparation should be made for them. For this purpose the appointment of a Community Clerk was necessary.

After some discussion, it was decided by common consent to charge the Executive Board with selecting a Community Clerk so that the provisions of the Constitution regarding general elections for Council members would be complied with.

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Report the blocks where the telephones are cut off.

If the night service of the telegram delivery is cut off, there will be a saving. What do you think about it?

A Voice: There is no necessity, stop it.  
(passed, without objection.)

Kinoshita: Here is a report regarding expatriation and repatriation. If you are interested read it. I can't give you it as there is only one copy.

Nakamura: Explain the main points.

Kinoshita: The main point is if you want to do so, get an application paper and apply.

The blood test will start from March 4th; fifteen persons a day every Saturday. Mr. Nakamura will attend to plan the schedule.

A Voice: It should be announced in the News-Courier.

Ninokawa: How about the certificate?

Nakamura: Yes.

Kinoshita: Mr. Bennett is going to Washington on March second to attend the first Directors Meeting since the W.R.A. is turned over to the Interior Department. It is a good chance to let him study and present the necessity of the Assistant Block Managers. He thinks that since the Community Council is elected the Block Manager's work is reduced but their work is by no means reduced.

Ishizu: Since Mr. Bennett will be here to listen to you next Tuesday regarding the matter, think over good reasons why we need them.

A voice: There are more workers in the block in Poston.

Kinoshita: Different centers may have their own budget systems. Think over questions you may ask Mr. Bennett.

A Voice: The farm should limit the production to the extent which actually we need. The Community Council is too slow in action.



Hirose: The Community Council is working under handicaps. The Isseis can't do as they desire. The Niseis' mood is on play as there is no compensation.

Ishizu: The Block Managers must also share the responsibilities as there was such tendency to elect those who were not inclined to do full work. It is essential to pick up men who will work whole heartedly like Mr. Yamaguchi.

Hirose: One person from three blocks with pay may work better.

Ishizu: What do you think about asking the Chairman of the Block Council to be the Community Councilman?

Hirose: There are two ways of looking at it. Their responsibilities will be heavier and there will be more headaches.

Ishizu: Too far allotted tasks: I rather think responsible men should explain to the general public.

Nakamura: Cut numbers to about ten with pay.

Ishizu: The Block Managers also can be the Community Council members.

Kinoshita: It is not an advisable plan as it increases the work.

Ryusaki: How does the Internal Security case stand?

Asami: We want to hear about the trouble of the dancing incident.

Hirose: Not now. I and Mr. Satomi had a misunderstanding but we have cleared the matter and had shook hands. (Mr. Satomi stand up and with a smile acknowledge it, clapping of hands heard.)

Kinoshita: There is a strong desire for reopening of the sewing class. I wish committee members (Tanaka and Yasuoka) to discuss the matter with Mr. Sawyer.

Ishizu: The Community Council is informed about internees' reunion from the American government. According to the report, the majority of cases are settled or proceeding;



and 306 cases or 3% are not settled yet. It is easier to reunite in Tule Lake. There is no trouble-maker case among them. It is desired to have more exchange.

Hirose: We want to express gratitude for the goods sent by the Japanese Red Cross, which we received from the internment camp in Santa Fe.

Kinoshita: Four men formally received them.

Miyazaki: We are told that there are laundry lines in the warehouse. Ask requisition for it.

A Voice: Who will be the sponsor for the monument?

Kinoshita: The parents Association of Draftees.

Asami: We are told that there are ten seats reserved for the Caucasians when the buses go out.

Be fair.

Kinoshita: Ask Mr. Huso to be fair.

Hirose: As social Welfare takes care of the housing problem, a great responsibility is relieved. How they handle it is a problem of the future. The drastic change may not be agreeable. But Mr. Tuttle is working for the evacuees' welfare, so please cooperate with him.

Ishizu: When we met Mr. Doucha and Mr. Tuttle and discussed the matter, the answer was "Don't worry, the Social Welfare will take care the case. There is no need of partitions."

Kinoshita: Don't worry.

(Meeting adjourned 11:30 A.M.)



## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, November 22, 1943

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 1:45 o'clock. Roll call showed Messrs. Takeda, Murashige, Shimasaki, Yamamoto and Takemoto absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Mr. Lyston Black, New Personnel Head, Mr. Thomas I. Reynolds, Placement Officers, and Mr. Mat Ando, Canal Council Chairman were present as guests.

The Chairman asked for a report from the Health Commission and Mr. Kato stated that the plans for the Clean-up Day were well under way and would be held on November 27, 1943.

The special committee on the possibility of the "Sale of Beer" within the center was not yet ready to render their report.

Mr. Morimoto, Chairman of the Enterprise Commission reported on the regulation of private enterprise. He made the following recommendations. First, an intensive educational program. Second, the Co-op should conduct a study to find the needs of the people in the center in order to determine why certain private enterprises are now in existence. Third, advertise the service offered by the Co-op in order to eliminate duplicate private enterprise. The committee expressed its appreciation of the tolerant attitude that the Co-op has taken in the past toward certain instances of private enterprise, because of its inability to furnish adequate service. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to accept the Commission's report. The question rose as to whether the licensing Commission is empowered to issue license to each of these private enterprises there by making them legal was brought up at this time. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to postpone the matter until definite instruction is received from Washington.

Mr. Miyake turned the chair over to Mr. Fukushima in order to render the report of the Executive Board regarding the selection of the Judicial Commission and the Community Clerk. It was the recommendation of the Board that the Judicial Commission and Clerk would be selected from outside the Council Body. The following were nominated by the Board for consideration: Doctors Iki, Yusa, and Yamamoto, and Messrs. Shimizu, Hikida, Sakamoto and Ikenouye. Messrs. Ernest Iwasaki and Frank Sakamoto were recommended as candidates for Community Clerk. A brief history of each candidate was given by Mr. Miyake.



It was decided by general consent to cast ballots for the candidates and arrange them in order of the number of ballots received. The three receiving the greatest number of votes would be chosen. In the event that any of these would be unable to accept, the next in order would be asked to serve. Ballots showed the following order: Messers. Hikida and Shimizu, Doctors Yusa and Yamamoto, Mr. Ikenouye, Doctor Iki, and Mr. Sakamoto. Mr. Iwasaki was elected as Community Clerk.

The soap committee suggested the the Council recommend to the Co-op to begin the manufacture of soap for the use of the community residents. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to accept the Committee's recommendation to have the Co-op manufacture soap and to sell at the lowest cost possible with the condition that when an Industry Commission is established in the Council set-up, the Industry will purchase from the Co-op whatever equipment is put in the soap manufacture.

Mr. Ikemura, Codification and legislation Commissioner, presented each member with a copy of the new Code of Offenses. Each member was requested to study the New Code.

It was reported that since screening material was distributed to the center residents, considerable theft of lumber and hinges had been noted. The matter was referred to the Housing and Public Works Commissions for further investigation and report.

Mr. Miyake read a memorandum from Mr. Wolter recommending that members of the various commission should not be employed by or closely associated with the divisions or sections which the Commission represents. In this manner, prejudice would be eliminated and the Commission would be able to serve with the greatest impartiality and fairness. The chairman asked that the division Heads make the necessary changes in the Commission set-up.

Since there was no further business, it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 3:45 o'clock, to reconvene at 1:30 o'clock on November 29, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto  
Executive Secretary

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BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, November 29, 1943

The special meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 1:45 p.m. Roll call showed the following as absent: Messers: Takeda, Sakai, Yamaguchi, Aratani, Shigenaka, Takemoto, Iriyama, Nishimura, Kondo, Tsujimoto, Kanagaki, and Takahashi. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Since a quorum was not present it was not possible to conduct formal business.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Ernest Iwasaki, a Committee Member of the Codification and Legislation Commission. Mr. Iwasaki explained that the previously mimeographed Code of Offenses based on the WRA Administrative Instruction required revision. He then presented a new Code of Offenses as revised. The Chairman stated that the new code of Offenses will be mimeographed and presented to members for further discussion and subsequent adoption.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned by general consent at three o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto  
Executive Secretary



## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, December 6, 1943

The regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 3 o'clock. Roll call showed Messrs. Takeda, Sakai, and Iriyama absent. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Joe Shigezane was present as a guest.

Mr. LeRoy Bennett, Project Director was presented to the body at this time, and gave a detailed report on the Kira incident. Questions and discussion followed and Mr. Bennett stated that a letter had been sent to Mr. Cossens requesting a withdrawal of Military Police from the center proper. The letter requested that the patrol be made outside of the center rather than within it. As has been previously arranged it is Mr. Bennett's opinion that the request probably would be granted and charged the center residents with the responsibility of maintaining law and order. Mr. Fukushima introduced a resolution recommending, one, that the Army be requested to instruct the Military Police to exercise extreme caution in the use of firearms and to the Washington office of the WRA be requested to adopt methods which would facilitate the processing of requests for indefinite leave. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to present that resolution to the center administrations.

Mr. Hirose suggested that a resolution which would make the reporting of all cases of incipient insanity mandatory be passed by the council. After some discussion during which ideas of incorporating the affects of the suggestion into a code of offenses which would make it a misdemeanor were advised. The matter was referred to Mr. Hirose to prepare and introduce such resolution at the next meeting.

In keeping with the adopted council policy of not having men employed in or associated with in any division or sections which a particular commission represents serve on that commission. It was decided by general consent to have Mr. Sunahara and Mr. Hirose exchange their positions. This would amend the organization set-up in that Mr. Hirose and Mr. Sunahara would take over the chairmanship of the Fire and Police Commission and the Housing Commission respectively. Mr. Hirose was requested to present a report on the Fire and Police regulations at the next meeting.



Mr. Kato reported for a special committee studying the necessity of reduction in the janitorial staff. He stated that as to a survey in the labor situation, it was the opinion that should such reduction become mandatory the majority of the janitors left on the pay-roll would desire terminations on the grounds that the work would be too heavy. It was the committee's recommendation to have the council write Washington asking for the retention of the previous number of janitors. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to accept the committee's report and the matter was referred to the committee to draft the recommended letter.

A copy of the revised Cod of Offenses as presented by Mr. Iwasaki at the last meeting was distributed to each council member and the chairman requested a careful study so that a constructed discussion could be held at the future meeting.

The Chairman called for report from the Health Commission and Mr. Kato stated that the report would be made at the next meeting. An interim report regarding child health and the possibility of a central diet kitchen was presented by Mr. Kato. He stated that the findings of the commission were contrary to the Washington report and that the Health and diet of the children in the center could be much improved. Further work on the development of the diet kitchens was promised by the Health Commission.

Mr. Yamamoto reporting for the Executive Board regarding the selection of the Community Clerk made the recommendation of the Board to ask Mr. Miyake to serve as clerk in the coming election. He stated that Mr. Iwasaki who was elected to fill this position will be unable to accept because of the press of duties in his present position as Executive Secretary of the American Red Cross Chapter. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to accept the Board's recommendation. The Chairman appointed Messers. Yamaguchi and Ishizu to serve on the election committee.

A letter from the Community Activity Section regarding the possibility of the use of mess halls for recreational purposes was read by Mr. George Kanagaki, Recreation Commissioner. Inasmuch as the CAS was having difficulty in obtaining the use of mess halls for such purposes as dances and socials, the section is calling upon the council for assistance. Mr. Joe Shigezane, Director of Community Events clarified the problem by further explanation. After much discussion, Mr. Kanagaki requested Messers. Hikida, Tanaka, Shigenaka, Fukushima, and Shigezane as members of the Recreation Commission to work further on the problem and



try to have a mess hall designated for the use of the CAS. The recommendation was accepted by general consent.

Two letters were presented by the Central Block Managers' Office. One, regarding the prohibition of ball playing and other games within the block which might endanger life, limb and property, and the other regarding the exchange of Christmas gifts were discussed. Since it had been decided previously to prohibit ball playing and other active games within the block area, it was decided by general consent to insert an article to that effect in the Gila News Courier. It was decided to return the memorandum regarding the exchange of Christmas gifts to the Central Block Managers' Office without action since the Council felt that it had no power to restrict personal liberty by prohibiting or even discouraging exchange of personal gifts.

A memorandum and resolution was received from the Cooperative Enterprises regarding the suppression of private enterprise and requesting the cooperation of the Council in the matter.

Mr. Kiichi Yamamoto was introduced by the Chairman as replacing Mr. Shimasaki of Block #56. The new member was accepted by general consent.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned by general consent, at five o'clock to reconvene upon notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto  
Executive Secretary

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## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, December 13, 1943

The special meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 9:15 o'clock. Mr. Miyake introduced Mr. John Provinse, Washington Head of Community Management who clarified the problem of private enterprise. He stated that his office is working on the subject and that in the very near future each project should receive some directive regarding this question. After some discussion and questions Mr. Provinse stated that the co-op could do much to discourage private enterprise through resident education and that the Washington office is planning to set up procedure, whereby licensing of certain private enterprise could be handled by community councils.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected. Roll call showed Messers. Takeda, Iriyama, Nakade, Nishimura, Yoneda and Takahashi absent. Mr. Takeshi Sakurai from the Community Analysis Section was present as a guest.

A report was made by Mr. Masato Kato, Health Commissioner for a special committee which met with Doctor G. D. Carlyle Thompson, Washington Chief Medical Officer. He reported that Doctor Thompson gave full assurance that adequate medical attention would always be provided for evacuees, that Japanese doctors would be retained on the projects with as even a distribution as practical and as long a period as possible. He stressed the fact that the evacuees in a WRA center were receiving by far, greater medical coverage and better medical care than any community of comparable size in the United States. Mr. Kato reported a radical change in the dental care policy stating that for all dental work approved for medical reasons, there would be absolutely no charge to the evacuees. Under this plan, all types of dental work with the exception of gold bridge work and gold foil fillings would be available without charge to the evacuee, upon certification by the Chief Medical Officer that it is medically necessary. He reported that the Canal hospital would be closed, effective immediately although it would still render all the out-patient services that have been available previously. The bed patients in the Canal hospital would be moved to Butte and the building is to be used for a home for the semi-invalid and aged. The report of the committee was accepted by general consent.

After much discussion, the Code of Offenses was unanimously accepted by the Body.

Mr. George Kanagaki, Recreation Commissioner presented a final report on the mess hall situation. He stated that



mess halls 41, 42, and 45 have been approved for the use of the CAS. It was a suggestion that the Internal Security be present at each social function sponsored by the CAS in order to avoid the possibility of rowdyism and vandalism. The report was accepted by general consent and Mr. Kanagki was requested to submit a written report.

Mr. Ikemura reporting for a special committee made the interim report that a survey was being made to determine if beer could be obtained locally. If results of the survey are favorable then the committee would work further on the possibility of its sale in the community.

Two letters were presented to the council body at this time. One, from the Heart Mountain Community Council regarding the possibility of a group meeting on relocation with representatives from all centers and other from Poston Community Council asking us for our organization set-up and personnel. The letter from the Heart Mountain Council was referred to the Relocation Commission for their consideration and report.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to prepare a teletype to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, expressing in a vote of confidence and the support of this Body in view of the criticism which he has been receiving recently. Mr. Yamamoto was appointed to frame and present a resolution to this effect.

Mr. Kato, Mr. Morimoto and Mr. Okazaki were appointed as a special committee to meet with the Central Block Manager representatives in regard to presenting some form of Christmas gift to the doctors.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 11:30 o'clock to reconvene upon notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto  
Executive Secretary

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## BUTTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, December 20, 1943

A regular meeting of the Butte Community Council was called to order by Mr. Miyake at 10:15 o'clock. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Roll call showed Messrs. Takeda, Sakai, Murashige, Nakade, Okazaki, Iriyama, Takahashi and Yamamoto as absent.

Mr. Masato Kato, Health Commissioner gave a special committee report in regard to presenting a gift of some kind to the hospital staff as a token of appreciation by the residents for services rendered. After much discussion and question, it was moved, and seconded to make an exception to the resolution making it possible for donations to be made for gifts for doctors. Vote showed 12 in favor, and 9 opposed. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to extend the gifts to all the evacuee hospital staff. It was decided by general consent to have the community council chairman and the central block manager get together with the special committee to make the distribution. The suggestion was made that a type list of all possible blood donors be made of all residents on a voluntary basis. So, that in the event blood is needed urgently, a list will be available immediately. Also, it was stated there was a very acute shortage of nurses for the Tuberculosis ward. The Chairman stated it was up to the council to help the doctors in this matter and asked for full cooperation from the council members. The matter was referred to the Health Commission for further investigation and report. The Health Commissioner's report was accepted by general consent.

The Chairman asked for a report from Mr. Kogura, Education Commissioner. He reported that a shortage of Japanese teachers existed in the Adult Education Section. The report was accepted by general consent.

A recommendation was made by Mr. Hirose in regard to the reporting of all cases of insanity. It was moved by Mr. Kato and seconded by Mr. Ikemoto to accept the recommendation. Carried by general consent.

A letter from the Heart Mountain Community Council was read by Mr. Miyake in regard to the possible plans of a national conference on the relocation problem. The council body unanimously felt that relocation is the most important problem and therefore referred this matter to the relocation Commission. The Chairman asked each



council member to express their ideas on relocation in writing and send them to the Relocation Commissioner or to this office.

A Matter of importance in regard to the Transportation Division hiring a Caucasian driver at \$1.00 a hour in place of evacuee drivers to make trips to Phoenix in the new bus was brought up by Mr. Aratani. It was stated that this problem was being resented bitterly by the evacuee workers. The Chairman stated that the Executive Board would consult Mr. Hana in regard to this matter on Tuesday, December 21, at 2:00 o'clock.

The members of the Mess Operations, Public Relations, and Codification Commissions were presented and accepted by general consent.

The Chairman made the statement that Messers. Hikida, Shimizu, and Iki have accepted appointments to the Judicial Commission.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 o'clock by general consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlin Y. Yamamoto  
Executive Secretary

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6 Frank Sakamoto: (as above).

(Miyake gave former residence, but I didn't yet all).  
Recommendations accepted.

Some banter as to whether Wolter or Miyake should have checked availability of candidates. Wolter willing to ask them to accept when elected.

Aratani: Why not have all of 7 who will accept.

Wolter: Suggest elects 5, then ask others if elected 5 don't represent.

Kato: Suggest not more than 1 doctor or 1 C.A.S.

(Asked why) If anything pertaining to hospital or C.A.S. turns up, it will be said they controlled situation. Much discussion on this point, and how point can be dealt with. Decided to leave it as a suggestion for guidance of members.

Wolter distributes ballots. Electors to put down names (all) in order of preference.

Miyake: Reports on soap manufacturing. Inquiry show too many obstacles. Can't be done in a hurry. Recommend that community Enterprise be asked to manufacture and sell soap.

Miyake moves (and acts as Chairman) that this be adopted. Sounded. Carried.

Then announced that if anyone makes soap, will have O.P.A. on neck. Up to Community Enterprises.

Election results: (1) Hikida; (2) Shimizu, (3) Yusa, (4) Yamamoto, (5) Ikenouye, Iki and Sakamoto tied. Clerk: Iwasaki.

Question as to whether member of judicial committee concerned in case: it goes to Canal. Who decides whether or not it go? To be cleared up.

Chickens running loose reported again. Cod of offenses (distributed) to be studied and dealt with next meeting.

Special meeting next Monday 29th.

New New business: Asked: does traffic legislation apply to appointed personnel as well? Answered. Yes. (Formerly followed administrative instructions) Traffic regulations to be drawn up.

On member Shigenaka brought up question of screen doors. (in Japanese)

Hirose: Question for Block Managers

Ishizu: Passing the buck. Joint responsibility. No material, (Rumor?) (Much talk about material)

Miyake: Question of pinching screens from empty barracks. (Speech in Japanese).

Letter: to effect that persons on committees should not be employed or official of administrative activity concerned. Miyake suggests committees swap members. Hirose agrees, but wants to be exchanged to committee in which he is interested. Matter left to committees to discuss.

Discussion in Japanese. Meeting adjourned 3:50