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1. Meeting was opened by saluting the flag and a violin solo by Ernestina Teranishi.

2. INTRODUCTORY SPEECH

Mr. Ernst gave the introductory speech, giving several meanings of the word government. He expressed his desire to see a government which would steer and guide and give leadership to the people. Also that it must have vision and act boldly.

3. INDUCTION OF COUNCILMEN

The following men were then inducted into office as councilmen:

Block #3-----	Vernon Ichisaka
Block #5-----	Shigeru Kosakura
Block #6-----	Ernest S. Iiyama
Block #7-----	Kay Nishida
Block #12-----	Dr. Carl Hirota
Block #13-----	Sam Yagyu
Block #14-----	Shinji Yamamoto
Block #16-----	Paul Fujii

All of these councilmen took the following oath led by Mr. Ernst:

"I solemnly pledge, as a member of the Community Council of Topaz, State of Utah, to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the related laws thereof. I further pledge my ideals, devotions, and energy to the common welfare of all residents of this Community; and insure that my efforts will not be contrary to the basic principles of Human Rights."

4. Mr. Lorne Bell introduced Dr. Carl Hirota as Chairman and Ernest S. Iiyama as the Executive Secretary. Both were elected to their respective offices at a preliminary meeting of the Councilmen.

5. PARKS AND LANDSCAPE

Mr. Roscoe Bell presented the plans for landscape and parks to the Council. These plans covered the Blocks, Cemetery, Recreation fields, Hospital grounds, Administration buildings, and School grounds. The plans were made to lay the dust as well as beautifying the city.

Mr. Tom Takaki then presented the plan for each block of this city.

Since ditches were necessary to irrigate the land, Mr. Bell mentioned that it was necessary to wait until the contractors left the city before work could be done.

6. EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Dr. John C. Carlisle spoke on the plans for the educational system here at Topaz. Provisions are being made for Kindergartens, Elementary school, High school, and to some extent for college education.

Upon his suggestion the Council voted to have a committee work with Dr. Carlisle in formulating a Board of Education which shall be comprised of parents and individuals who are interested in Education.

7. LABOR

Mr. Claude Cornwall presented the problem of harvesting crops, especially of the sugar beets. Representatives of various companies are here seeking labor to help solve this national problem.

- a. It is not compulsory to buy war bonds with the wages earned.
- b. There will be no charge for dependents remaining in the center while the heads of the families are working in the agricultural field.
- c. Those going out for industrial labor while residing in

the center will be charged for their meals and the meals of their dependents until confirmed otherwise.

The Council decided to consult the Block Managers and ask their cooperation to help solve this problem and the problem of maintaining the work in this center.

8. HOUSING--BY MR. EATON

He brought up the problem of not having enough small rooms for couples and families of three because of the building designs.

Mr. Baker has been requested to partition several of the remaining buildings into apartments for couples.

A planning committee of representatives of the Block Managers and the Housing Division are working on plans for partitioning rooms to house couples and large families.

Ernest S. Iiyama presented the housing problem and its social aspects. He asked the various department heads of their plans for usage of buildings so that the Housing Division could make out their plans.

Both Mr. Lorne Bell of the Community Activities and Community Welfare and Dr. Carlisle of the Educational Division said that they would cooperate to the fullest and not deprive the residents of living quarters.

9. JUDICIARY--BY MR. ERNST

Mr. Ernst read a quotation from the W.R.A. Provisions for self government requesting the Council to appoint a Judiciary Commission of not less than three members. This Commission will have the following functions:

- a. Hear cases and apply penalties.
- b. Make rules and regulations by which residents must abide.
- c. Make list of penalties to fit those infractions of rules and regulations.

Felony cases will be taken to the outside courts and every assistance will be given the persons involved to get their rights.

Vernon Ichisaka and Shigeru Kosakura were appointed to serve as a committee to recommend persons for the Judiciary Commission. Residents may also submit names to this committee.

A proposal was made to have regional Judiciary Commissions and one main Commission--each regional commission to be composed of eight blocks on  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the center. This was taken under advisement.

10. Tribute was given to Mr. Bob Iki for his valuable aid to Mr. Ernst and Mr. Bell.

*2nd session and condensed form*

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 1, 1942  
Second Session

PLACE: Mr. Lorne W. Bell's office.

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Carl Hirota

Those present--Mr. Lorne W. Bell, Bob Iki, Shinji Yamamoto, Kay Nishida, Paul Fujii, Sam Yagyu.

Albert Kosakura, Ernest S. Iiyama, and Vernon Ichisaka were absent due to the late arrival of the new residents and their work concerning the induction of these residents.

OPEN MEETING WITH MR. MYER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF W.R.A.

In behalf of Mr. Ernst, Mr. Bell extended an invitation to the Council and the residents of Topaz to meet with Mr. Myer for one hour Sunday afternoon.

The time was set for 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sam Yagyu and Paul Fujii were appointed to work out a program for this occasion with the assistance of Bob Iki.

LABOR:

The matter of setting up a labor commission was tabled for the time being.

HOUSING:

This matter was tabled until the next meeting because of the absence of the councilmen connected with this discussion.

LANDSCAPING:

Councilman Shinji Yamamoto was appointed as Chairman to form a committee to make a study and recommendation to the Council on general landscaping of Topaz.

The administration expressed its desire to have as many qualified isseis possible on these committees.

It was also recommended that members of the commissions should not be employees of the Administration in their respective fields.

The Council decided to have an Advisory Board composed of Barrack Captains in each block to advise and assist the Councilmen in their respective blocks.

TRANSLATION:

It was requested by the Administration that all actions taken by the Council be translated into Japanese and be posted on the bulletinsboards.

EDUCATION:

Agreed that two representatives be elected from each block. Sixteen (16) of these representatives will be selected to serve on the Educational Commission.

Reported that nursery schools are tentatively to open from next Monday.

Councilman Kay Nishida was appointed to organize and plan for the above Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Executive Secretary

Second Session

COUNCILMEN'S MEETING

October 1, 1942  
6:30 P.M.  
Second Session

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dr. Hirota, at 6:30 P.M. Those present:

Mr. Lorne Bell  
Mr. Bob Iki  
Mr. Shinji Yamamoto  
Mr. Kay Nishida  
Mr. Paul Fujii  
Mr. Sam Yagu

Messrs. Albert Kosakura, Ernest Iiyama and Vernon Ichisaka were absent due to the late arrival of the new residents.

Mr. Bell extended on behalf of Mr. Ernst, an invitation to the Council to meet with Mr. Meyer, National Director, for an hour Sunday afternoon. Considering that there will be a mass meeting for the new Inductees that evening, an informal meeting will be held, inviting only those people directly concerned with the functioning of this community and an open invitation to the general public to attend.

Written invitations to:

Block Managers and 1 guest  
Election Committee  
Inter-Faith Ministerial Association and 1 guest.  
5 members of the Press

Open invitation to the Public by announcements thru the dining halls.

Dining hall, ushers and amplifying system to be secured by Mr. Robert Iki.

(letter to Mr. Ernst open invitation to Administration officials)

Mr. Yagyu and Mr. Fujii were appointed to consult with Mr. Iki on topics of discussion and to draw up a skeleton program.

Guests with invitations to be admitted through the side doors and public through the back doors. Meeting to be from 3:30 to 4:30--doors to be closed at 3:45. In case of overflow of people, the amplifier to be placed outside.

Mr. Bell will try to arrange a special meeting with Mr. Meyer for the Council men alone, probably around 11:00 Sunday morning.

The Chairman presented the five problems to be discussed.

- ✓ 1. Parks and Landscape
- ✓ 2. Education
- ✓ 3. Labor
- ✓ 4. Housing
- ✓ 5. Judiciary

LABOR It was suggested that the Council take under advisement the setting up of a Labor Commission to see that there is adequate and complete understanding of labor policies.

Suggested title: "Topaz, Central Utah, Project Enlistees Work Corps (Anyone who has a job with WRA)"

LABOR

continued --

To be organized out of this corps--"A Fair Practices Committee"  
or "Merit Rating Board"

This matter was laid on the table.

HOUSING

Mr. Iiyama, directly connected with housing, is absent due of the late arrival of new residents--so we shall refer this item to the next meeting.

LANDSCAPING

- Shinji Yamamoto was appointed Council representative to form a sub-committee to work on this project. This committee will take into consideration all the problems and facts concerning the general landscaping of the grounds as presented by Mr. Takaki and present recommendations to the Council.

✓ Mr. Bell-Mr. Ernst and I hope that the Council consider very seriously a wide selection of the best and most able of the Issei to these appointive positions. The various councils and commissions should have a large proportion of Issei composing its body.

Also recommended that no Administrative paid people be asked to serve on these commissions, but the commission should be made up of laymen. This commission becomes a fact finding body, studies plans and reports and makes recommendations to the Council or it may be delegated to take official action. Therefore, paid employees, such as Recreational representatives could be called in as experts to give their suggestions.

Mr. Yamamoto, to be chairman of this commission, said that his personnel will be comprised of about seven people--2 or 3 landscape men

- 1 familiar with recreation
- 1 familiar with community activities
- 1 familiar with planning

Dr. Hirota will obtain the plans (landscape) for Mr. Yamamoto sometime tomorrow.

Personnel will be chosen for their background, viewpoint on community problems, standing with community, someone to hold the respect of the people.

Should start out with small body, so additions or eliminations could be made depending upon progress of said committee.

Mr. Bell-Council should devise some mechanics by which to call out the people best suited for these commissions.

Suggested that: Each block representative have mass meeting within their own block at which time suggest that an Advisory Board be elected who could submit names of those whom we might investigate. Also a mass meeting of all the Advisory

Boards could be called and suggestions for a Judiciary committee could be submitted.

Majority of the blocks are following this procedure:  
Each building has a House Captain and these Captains being familiar with the residents could be consulted for recommendations of people.  
An Advisory Committee could be formed of these House Captains to both the Council men and Block Managers.

Council took action to make this committee permanent for the duration of their office which will be until a Constitution is completed and ratified by the residents at which time a new election will be held. In other words, this Committee will function until such time as this Council is officially disbanded.

There was some doubt about securing of shrubbery and trees and plants--this will be another function of the Sub-committee.

Mr. Bell--Trees and seed will be out of the original budget as reported by the Appintive Committee in the Administration. Residents will be encouraged to buy their own seed for Victory Gardens.

Suggestion to Mr. Myer:

To what extent will the WRA share in the expense of beautifying the Center? Different Centers will require different setups--here it is essential that the WRA make it livable. If the residents cannot pay for greenery at the present time, it will be the responsibility of the WRA to take care of this matter.

TRANSLATION: Request of Mr. Ernst and Mr. Bell--that there should be a written translation into Japanese on all action taken by this Council. These posted on all bulletin boards in all the Blocks.

Recommended as translator: Mr. Shigeru Yamamoto--married previously, had a Laundry in Berkeley. Graduate of a middle school. Completed three years at California University; majored as Chemical Engineer. Transcribes in Japanese as being spoken in English--knows terminology.

Mr. Shimizu--Graduate of University in Japan, Graduate of University of Santa Clara. Block 16, Barrack 8-E

This position will be as a paid translator. Dr. Hirota will investigate these people and report to the Council for action.

JUDICIARY-- Laid on the table for future reference.

EDUCATION -

Dr. Carlisle- suggests for your approval a large Educational Council, almost a Congress that might meet quarterly or bi-monthly. Out of that a dozen people to constitute an Education Commission. P.T.A. may be slow in developing. Dr. Bane would like to set up a committee on Adult Education.

Suggested-- From each block-two representatives to form  
" " " a group known as block assembly.  
" " " -two representatives to represent  
in Cooperative Congress (72)  
-from that 12 to become directors.

If we are to have a large Council, we will have to have a representation from each block.

Agreed that two representatives from each block will be elected, from this group about 16 to comprise Education Commission. Dr. Carlisle would like an Administrative Man meet with this Commission.

Mr. Bell-- P.T.A. concept--it is a liason between parents and schools--parent education--establish a bond of relationship between individual teachers and parents.

Nursery Schools are planning to open Monday.

Appointed, Kay Nishida to look into the formation of these Educational commissions. After Commission is chosen, he would meet with them possibly outline duties and policies--confer with Dr. Carlisle. Mr. Kosakura will assist as consultant.

MASS MEETING -

Suggested that all these things (preliminaries) be ironed out and presented at a mass meeting to be held by each council man in their respective blocks. To be held sometime this coming week.

Sixteen councilmen will be functioning by next week. Week of the twelfth--suggested that another induction meeting be held open to the public at which time various problems will be presented.

COUNCIL MEETING - Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Recreational Hall Block 14. Mr. Bell will give the oath of office to the new council members.

Suggested that the council needs a policy regarding its relationship to the newspaper. Suggested a press release secretary be appointed. Agreed that the posted minutes would be sufficient.

Mr. Iiyama will condense the minutes and have them translated into Japanese. Mr. Iki will have runners post these on the various bulletin boards.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kawata

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 3, 1942  
Third Session

1. Mr. Shigeru Yamamoto will be the official Japanese translator for the Council.
2. Program for the meeting with Mr. Myer, National Director of W.R.A. was formulated and presented to the Council. Details were to be decided on tomorrow morning.
3. Questions to be presented to Mr. Myer on Sunday were taken down on paper.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Executive Secretary

3rd  
Session and  
Condensed form.

COUNCILMEN'S MEETING  
October 3, 1942  
3:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota at Recreation Hall 16.

Those present were:

Mr. Lorne Bell  
Mr. Robert Iki  
Mr. Shinji Yamamoto  
Mr. Kay Nishida  
Mr. Paul Fujii  
Mr. Sam Yagyu  
Mr. Ernie Iiyama  
Mr. Toby Hirabayashi  
Mr. Harry Konda

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary. Motion was made rewording the statement concerning the subcommittee; otherwise the minutes were accepted.

MINUTES: It was stated that the Recording Secretary take the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Iiyama then, as Executive Secretary, look over the Recording Secretary's minutes and condense it; in other words, just release the highlights of the meeting, and then it would be translated by Mr. Shigeru Yamamoto in Japanese.

JAPANESE TRANSLATOR: Mr. Shigeru Yamamoto was officially accepted as the Japanese translator.

REPORT FROM SAM YAGYU:

Invitations would be sent to:

- 1) The block managers and one guest.
- 2) Election committee.
- 3) Inter Faith Ministereal Association and one guest.
- 4) Five members of the press.

QUESTION: "Should it be strictly invitational?"

It was suggested that it be open to the public or have so many representatives from each block. At a certain time the doors can be open for the general public and then let it fill up as much as it will. Invited people are to be admitted through the side doors. The place is at dining hall 10. The time is from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM: Chairman--Dr. Carl Hirota.

- 1) First 15 minutes--the Community Activities boys will entertain. Those boys will also be ushers.
- 2) Have brief reports by the different subcommittee heads.

Continued--

Have various subcommittee reports showing the progress of this center as to internal policies which may be of interest to Mr. Myer.

- 3) Mr. Ernst says a few words, and he in turn will introduce Mr. Myer. After Mr. Myer speaks, if the council goes up to Mr. Myer and Mr. Ernst, they can greet them personally, shaking hands with them in front of the people.

*omit* It was said the object of the morning meeting is to get information from Mr. Myer and the object of the afternoon meeting is to give information to Mr. Myer.

AT THE MEETING: The four new councilmen are to be inducted by Mr. Ernst.

Suggested that Dr. Hirota conduct the meeting as though Mr. Myer was not there. Then have a resume of the minutes of the meetings. Then proceed into the reports of the committee. When Mr. Myer comes, let him know the actual going on of the self-government concern.

*omit* The people who are coming to this meeting are not interested in what the councilmen are saying. They want to know what Mr. Myer has to say, what his opinions are so Mr. Myer's participation will be the maximum amount of the time.

MORNING MEETING WITH MR. MYER:

Mr. Ernst would be willing to have the council meet with Mr. Myer on some of the major things the councilmen want to tell him.

Suggestions: It was suggested that instead of having a morning meeting, the councilmen can prepare questions that they might like to ask him after the afternoon meeting.

That we ask Mr. Myer the questions in the morning and let him think them over. Then he can answer them to the public in the afternoon.

Then in the afternoon after Mr. Myer has spoken, we will have three or four questions that we would like to ask in behalf of the residents.

Suggested also that the councilmen can have a meeting with Mr. Myer informally after the meeting.

MR. BELL: ~~Says~~ if everything goes through as indicated, the schools will be ready by December 1.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED AT THE MEETING:

- 1) Problem of post-war rehabilitation--

- 1) W.R.A. policy concerning evacuees in the post-war period.

i.e.--Will the evacuees be allowed to stay in the centers until they can obtain a job on the outside?

--Will relief be given them?

--Permanency of camp if residents desire to remain.

- 2) What will be the status of the citizenship rights of the evacuees?

i.e.--Voting rights. (Residential rights)

- 3) Policy concerning depopulation of the evacuees.

In relation to this, there should be a maximum of cooperation and coordination between the United States Employment Service and the employment office within the W.R.A. centers.

- 4) Could the W.R.A. policy of constructing a wire fence immediately around the residential area be reconsidered in view of the following facts:

a) The same material could be used toward our war effort.

b) In as much as the relocation policy is to give the residents a normal civilian life, a wire fence tends to give the impression of a concentration camp.

QUESTION: "Who controls the industry in Topaz?"

Controlled by Mr. Bell and Mr. Ernst.

INDUSTRIAL FACTORY: "Would the W.R.A. guarantee to get the materials to build the buildings? ~~It seems that community enterprise is eight tons priority.~~

Goods that we manufacture and use here could come under community enterprise. Goods that go out would be under Mr. Bell.

MR. MYER: Will make his tour and inspection all morning. Then he is to have luncheon with the Administrative office. On Monday he is meeting with the Division chiefs. He leaves at noon on Monday.

PROCEDURE OF INDUCTION: The new councilmen just take oath to their office.

After inducting the new councilmen, it was suggested to introduce the old members of the council to the people.

NEXT MEETING: A meeting will be held tomorrow morning at dining hall 10. This is not an official meeting but just a meeting for planning of the program on Sunday.

PROBLEMS FOR THE NEXT DISCUSSION:

- 1) Like to have the council make a recommendation to the administration on our plans for the usage of the buildings. A recommendation that we use all the dining halls around this district; that is, around the high school area. Then the dining halls can be used for schools.
- 2) Use of Japanese papers--on the table for discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned  
5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

4th Session  
and condensed form.

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 4, 1942  
Fourth Session

1. Final form of the program this afternoon was accepted.
2. A fact-finding committee to look into the problem of the dining hall workers was selected. The following members were appointed:

Ernest S. Iiyama  
Harry Konda  
James Hirabayashi

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Executive Secretary

COUNCILMEN'S MEETING  
Unofficial meeting  
October 4, 1942  
9:45 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota, at dining hall 10.

Those present were the following:

Mr. Ernie Iiyama  
Mr. Sam Yagyu  
Mr. Paul Fujii  
Mr. Harry Konda  
Mr. Toby Hirabayashi  
Mr. Shinji Yamamoto  
Mr. Robert Iki  
Mr. Shigeru Kosakura

PROGRAM: The first topic discussed was the program for today, Sunday.

- 1) Opening remarks.  
Chairman--Dr. Carl Hirota.
- 2) Opening ceremonies under the direction of the Community Activities.
- 3) Installation of the new councilmen by Mr. Lorne Bell and Mr. Ernst.
  - a) Chairman introduces Mr. Lorne Bell.  
Oath of office by Mr. Ernst.
  - b) Introduction of previously installed councilmen by Mr. Ernst.
    - 1) Brief summary of the council meetings by the Chairman.
- 4) Introduction of Mr. Dillon S. Myer by Mr. Ernst.
- 5) Short question and answer period.....Ernie Iiyama.
- 6) Informal gathering.
- 7) Close of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Decided that various councilmen cover the dining halls to have the announcements made.

INVITATIONS: Not including the councilmen and the press 140 invitations were sent out.

It was suggested that Dr. Hirota thank the administration in front of Mr. Myer.

QUESTIONS: It was decided that the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ernie Iiyama present the questions to Mr. Myer. Read all the questions at once and then hand the paper to Mr. Myer.

After the questions are answered, acknowledge the fine cooperation of the Community Activities, Kim Obata, and Mr. Bell, and Mr. Robert Iki for their part in today's program.

SCRAP LUMBER: The motion was carried and passed that the Chairman send a memorandum to the administration regarding the use of scrap lumber situation.

DINING HALL 2: Suggestion has been made that the Chairman appoint a fact-finding committee regarding the problems of dining hall 2. A committee of three was told to look into this matter.

The following were appointed by the Chairman:

Ernie Iiyama  
Harry Konda  
Toby Hirabayashi

Report various facts concerning this. The council take it into consideration. Probably send a memorandum to the administration.

MR. WATSON: Incorporate Mr. Watson with the above.  
Unfinished business.

HOUSING: The housing impress the people that they will be moved. The rooms they are in now are only temporary. This is a request that the Housing would like to make. If the residents do not understand this, maybe the Council can go into this matter and intercede.

A motion has been carried and seconded that the Housing Committee will, at the present time, will go ahead with the clarification of the housing problems and such time they will like to have the subcommittee of the council which they will select to aid in their problems. They will be free to call on the council. Officially recognized is the Council committee.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday night, October 6, 1942--6:30 p.m. at Recreation Hall 16.

Meeting Adjourned  
11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

RECEPTION MEETING  
October 4, 1942  
3:30 p.m.

Chairman-----Dr. Carl Hirota

Honored Guest-----Mr. Dillon S. Myer

The opening speech was made by Dr. Carl Hirota, Chairman, welcoming the National Director, Mr. Dillon S. Myer. The Chairman thought that if Mr. Myer had a chance to meet the residents of Topaz, it would be a very good thing.

Pledge of Allegiance-----Led by George Suzuki  
Violin Solo-----Ernestina Teranishi  
"Star Spangled Banner"

The Chairman remarked that since the induction last Wednesday, the city was filled and as these blocks were filled, the machinery has been moved and today we are very happy to be able to introduce to you three new councilmen.

Then the Chairman introduced the head of the Community Service, Mr. Lorne Bell who in turn introduced the three new councilmen.

THE THREE NEW COUNCILMEN:

Councilman elected in Block 10:

James Hirabayashi

Councilman elected in Block 9:

Harry Konda

Councilman elected in Block 22:

Clark Harada

The elected councilmen were inducted by Mr. Ernst. The three men took the oath of office and repeated after Mr. Ernst the following:

"I solemnly pledge as a member of the Community Council of Topaz, State of Utah, to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the related laws thereof. I further pledge my ideals, my devotion, and energy to the welfare of all residents of this community and insure that my efforts will not be contrary to the basic principles of Human Rights."

Then Mr. Ernst introduced the list of the councilmen already inducted. They are the following:

Dr. Carl Hirota  
Mr. Albert Kosakura  
Mr. Vernon Ichisaka  
Mr. Ernest Iiyama  
Mr. Kay Nishida  
Mr. Shinji Yamamoto  
Mr. Sam Yagyu  
Mr. Paul Fujii

DR. CARL HIROTA:

"In behalf of the Council as temporary Chairman, I would like to report very briefly that we have had a few meetings since our installation mass Wednesday evening.

Among the various problems that have come before the Council:

- 1) That has been presented by Mr. Roscoe Bell, regarding parks and landscapes.  
We have a subcommittee working now under Mr. Shinji Yamamoto, one of the Councilmen. He is going to appoint a group of landscape men and nursery men and others who would show interest in this field and with this subcommittee and Mr. Bell's committee, Mr. Takaki, the landscape architect, will try to bring about the landscaping of our city as soon as possible.
- 2) The problem of education was brought before the committee by Dr. Carlisle. Mr. Nishida has been appointed as one of the subcommittee, and he has had a conference with Dr. Carlisle whereby a machinery has been set to have one representative from every block serving on this educational council or Congress and from this Congress it is, there will be five members who will be either elected or appointed to serve on a smaller group (the council) along with two of our councilmen to confer with Dr. Carlisle at any time.
- 3) Judiciary committee--  
A subcommittee with Mr. Kosakura and Mr. Ichisaka have been working on a list of residents who will serve on this commission, and we hope to have this setup very shortly.

DR. CARL HIROTA\*\*\*Continued---

In brief, this is the report of our Council to date.

Now we have come to the part of the meeting that I know you are looking forward toward. We have many visitors here as I see some delegates from the J.A.C.L. in Salt Lake City. We have other members of the Administration who are here. I wish we had time to introduce all of you, but I know after the meeting, we will be able to meet many of you. We are going to have our Project Director, one whom Reverend Goto has named--~~Mr. Ernst~~ introduce the speaker for the day."

MR. ERNST:

"Pop" Ernst

"Often times we are going to meet, and we are going to have meetings of various kinds. This special occasion is super--a man whose daily business is the thought of some ten of these centers like ours in which ten are the residents known to you, whose aspirations, whose feelings are known to you in which you share. The one man who sits at the desk where opportunities for considering policies ~~conflicting~~ in nature, some hopeful but not yet timely, some ideas that would probably only mean chafe and then all the responsibilities of directing us all to the need of these good ideas are put into effect, a man whose office day by day who in the chance to become acquainted and who is in that position sitting close to the President of the United States to bring to our leader, our thinking, our hopes, report on what we are doing, suggestions as to what we still might do, so you see what I mean when I say there is no ordinary affair. This is our meeting with our National leader and as such, I want to introduce to you this afternoon-----Mr. Myer.

MR. MYER: (First words)

"I am delighted to be here. I wish that everyone in the United States might have sat here as I did and listen to the first part of this program. I will try to get acquainted with the residents, Mr. Ernst and his staff and with the problem we are trying to meet with in this new city of Topaz. I am surprised to see how rapidly you have set up the city of Topaz. I am very much interested in the governmental aspects of this city and the effects of the lives of the people who live here.

The problem that concerns me most is whether we can develop the kind of government here and maintain the same kind of **government** throughout the United States. I think the whole movement is tied so closely that it can't be separated from the job we are doing here.

There are a few policies of the W.R.A. different from the W.C.C.A., and we are going to go just as far as possible in establishing a normal government. I sincerely hope that the residents of this center can take the major part of the responsibility in conduct.

I wish on all the success and all the luck and everything in our power to help you. We are going to have to operate according to certain principles. I think that it is going to operate on a sound basis."

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS OF THE COUNCILMEN:

- 1) W.R.A. policy concerning evacuees in the post-war period.

i.e.--Will the evacuees be allowed to stay in the centers until they can obtain a job on the outside?

--Will relief be given them?

--Permanency of camp if residents desire to remain.

MR. MYER: "Our first concern is not the post-war period. Get acquaintance on the part of the public and if your group here is such that you can go on before the war is over. The more people that will relocate between now and the time of the end of the war will be better off."

- 2) What will be the status of the citizenship rights of the evacuees?

i.e.--Voting rights. (Residential rights)

MR. MYER: "The voting right situation today is: Voting will have to be done by a absentee ballots in the community where we came from. There are provisions in the states for absentee ballots as far as the W.R.A. and the government is concerned. We are fighting to see to it that your rights are maintained as much as possible. I think that we can maintain the status."

- 3) Policy concerning depopulation of the evacuees.

In relation to this, there should be a maximum of cooperation and coordination between the United States Employment Service and the employment office within the W.R.A. centers.

MR. MYER: "I agree with the statement 100%--not only the employment agencies but all the agencies concerned. I realize that this relocation program that goes beyond this center is going to affect the life of the center.

There is no record that will endanger you on population or the folks on the outside but you have to be in your own center."

4) Could the W.R.A. policy of constructing a wire fence immediately around the residential area be reconsidered in view of the following facts:

- a) The same material could be used toward our war effort.
- b) In as much as the relocation policy is to give the residents a normal civilian life, a wire fence tends to give the impression of a concentration camp.

MR. MYER: "The W.R.A. is not constructing the fence. The Military Reservation comes in at night to watch the place for your protection.

There is a fence being provided here which is the right of the Military Reservation. The W.R.A. is just making boundary marks. It is responsible for the management of this center along with the residents of this center."

COLONEL WILSON:

Then Mr. Myer introduced Colonel Wilson. He is here on a loan from the United States Army to assist Mr. Myer. He is in charge of an armor regiment. He was ~~in~~ Hawaii and had seen the bombs fall on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He was in Hawaii until February, 1942.

Dr. Hirota closed the meeting thanking Mr. Bell and Mr. Iki for making the various reservations; also thanked Mr. Kim Obata for his part in the program and also Mr. Myer, the guest.

DR. CARL HIROTA: "We want to thank all of the nomination committee men, block managers, all the guests, residents of Topaz for attending."

Meeting closed.  
4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

5th session and  
condensed form.

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 6, 1942  
Fifth Session  
6:45 p.m.

1. Chairman-----Dr. Carl Hirota

Councilmen present were:

Vernon Ichisaka  
Albert Kosakura  
Ernest Iiyama  
Kay Nishida  
Harry Konda  
James Hirabayashi  
Sam Yagyu  
Shinji Yamamoto  
Paul Fujii  
Masaaki Sakakihara  
John Iwatsu  
Clark Harada

2. Recommendation to call Recreation Hall #16 the City Hall was accepted.  
3. Fact-finding committee on mess hall problems.

Councilman Ernest Iiyama was relieved of his duties on this committee. The remaining two councilmen, Harry Konda, and James Hirabayashi are to carry on.

4. Pets

Councilman Paul Fujii is to head the fact-finding committee on whether pets should be allowed or not.

5. Canteen

Recommended to the Community Enterprise that the tools and hardware sold by the merchant from the outside be bought and sold without profit as a service to the community.

6. Labor

Councilmen Harry Tawa and Masaaki Sakakihara were appointed to serve on the Labor Committee to--

- a. Get a clarification on the charges made on workers while living in the center or while their dependents are living in the center.
- b. Get a clarification on who will be responsible for medical care for the men who go out to work.
- c. Recommend four or five members to the Labor Commission.

7. Judiciary

The Judiciary Committee has selected the following persons to serve on a sub-committee to plan for a Judiciary Commission and its duties:

Victor Abe  
Yoshio Katayama  
James Nishimura

Shozo Tsuchida  
Den Morizumi  
Tamon Katase

8. Education

It was decided that block meetings be held to elect one representative from each block to the Educational Assembly. The block elections are to be held on October 9, 1942.

9. Hearing on use of barracks for schools.

It was decided to have a hearing on this issue on Saturday night at Dining Hall #11.

- a. Members of the Educational Assembly are to represent the views of the residents within their respective blocks.
- b. Representatives from Housing, Education, and Recreation are to present facts and figures before the Council.
- c. Each Educational Assemblyman will have three advisors to assist him at the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ernest S. Iiyama  
Secretary

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COUNCILMEN'S MEETING  
October 6, 1942  
6:45 p.m.  
*Fifth* FIFTH Session

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Carl Hirota at 6:45 p.m.

Those present were:

Mr. Ernie Iiyama  
Mr. Shinji Yamamoto  
Mr. Kay Nishida  
Mr. Paul Fujii  
Mr. Sam Yagyu  
Mr. Harry Konda  
Mr. James Hirabayashi  
Mr. Clark Harada  
Mr. Albert Kosakura  
Mr. Vernon Ichisaka  
Mr. Harry Tawa  
Mr. Masaaki Sakakihara

Mr. Bob Iki  
Mr. Lorne Bell

The two new councilmen, Mr. Harry Tawa and Mr. Masaaki Sakakihara were introduced.

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

Bob Iki stated that Recreation hall 16 will be called the City Hall from now on.

LETTER OF THANKS:

*sent* The Chairman stated that Mr. Iki have a letter of thanks to Mr. Myer. Mr. Myer would like to have the signatures of the councilmen on the welcome sheet and would like to have it sent to Washington, D. C.

Also have a letter of thanks sent to the Community Activities in care of Kim Obata for their participation in the program on Sunday and also Mr. Ernst and verbally to Mr. Bell and the members on the council who were able to turn out the meeting successfully.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reconciliation: Ernie Iiyama would like to be relieved on the committee of checking up of the mess halls.

The two members left on the committee, Harry Konda and James Hirabayashi will continue to carry on as a fact-finding committee, and they are perfectly welcome to get help if they need it.

QUESTION: (Clark Harada)

What is the nature of the work on dining halls?

Continued-----

Pertaining to Dining Hall 2.

Trouble among the workers--some difference in selection of the people who work there. More or less and internal problem. The council wishes to listen to further complaints from various sources. Have first hand information. Ill fated rumors going on.

Mr. Bell says the Administrative staff will be willing to collaberate with the facts.

#### JAPANESE PAPERS AND LITERATURE:

Many people would like to have them back, but they do not want to have them confiscated. *(book taken at Tanforan)*

Sixty people would like to subscribe to the "Utah Daily," but they do not want to pay for it if they are going to be taken away.

Mr. Bell says the following regarding the policy, the printing of Japanese literature here:

- 1) Any magazine or newspaper that is sent through the mail, express, or freight is permissable here in the camp.
- 2) It permits the translation of anything into Japanese anything that originates in English in camp here. *that* (Anything to let the issei understand can be printed into Japanese providing it originates in English.)

Send a written memorandum to our Project Director or to proper administrative authorities asking for classification of Japanese literature and newspaper.

#### THE MAJOR THINGS TO BE BROUGHT UP:

- 1) Electing of members to the Educational Congress.
- 2) What ruling will be made on pets. (Public health problem)

Mr. Yamamoto made a motion regarding the fact-finding committee regarding the pet situation within Topaz. Motion was carried that we have a fact-finding committee.

Paul Fujii appointed with assistants.

#### PROBLEM:

Disinterested people selling things to the people of Topaz. Complaints that the prices are too high.

The canteen did not have enough stock in hand so they bought some of their stock. He only sells tools now and articles that are

obtainable by the canteen itself. Many of the things he sells ARE on priority so we cannot control the prices. The only reason why he is selling is because we have not enough stock in hand.

Paul Fujii suggests that the action we could take would be to ask the outside salesman to reduce the prices. He will not be here very long.

Ernie Iiyama suggests that community enterprise buy stock at a normal price and sell at a normal price with no profit. People believe that the profit is going on the outside so they complain.

Paul Fujii will report this at next meeting.

#### LABOR QUESTION:

What the status of the charge would be for the family.  
People working around here and living in camp--the W.R.A. takes care of their dependents.  
Those who go out where the dependents are left here, there is a subsistent charge. \$20 per adult.

We should ask the W.R.A. or F.S.A. to help us on medical aid.

Mr. Yamamoto made a motion to have a committee of two or three to take care of the various labor problems.

The Chairman appointed a committee of two to temporarily take care of the various problems of labor which will be taken care of later.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Tawa and Mr. Sakakihara were appointed to have a conference with Mr. Cornwall of Employment and Housing and also to possibly look over the residents and see if they cannot recommend a body of four or five men who will be able to serve on this labor commission.

- 1) Charges made against the residents living here.
- 2) Responsibility of the medical question.  
(To whom the responsibility will fall upon.)

#### REPORT ON LANDSCAPING:

Mr. Yamamoto is almost sure of the committee but have not had the plans. As soon as the plans are in form and ready, they will start right away.

Paul Fujii suggests that the people voluntarily help in their own blocks to speed up the problem. This is taken under advisement.

#### REPORT ON JUDICIARY COMMISSION: (Vernon Ichisaka)

The two people who were picked on were busy with Housing. But a group of fellows are working on a plan. As far as the Commissions are concerned, we will have to wait awhile.

People called on the staff are Victor Abe, Yoshio Katayama,

Mrs. Nishiyama, Shozo Tsuchida, and two other older folks, Mr. Morizumi, and Mr. Katase.

Have a report of the program at the next meeting.

## INTERNAL SECURITY:

The Chairman stated that the Department of Internal Security would like to remain at Recreation 11 because it is a centralized place. There are 120 members in the Internal Security force. They are not too sure whether they could stay or not so they are quite concerned about it.

Mr. Bell: It has been agreed and approved by Mr. Ernst that the Dining Hall 16 would be the headquarters for the Division of Public Safety. It was thought that it was an administrative matter. There is a story back of it which is perfectly understandable. They wanted to be close to the City Hall.

Mr. Bell:

- 1) From one university--University of California in Berkeley. Request referred to complete minutes of the Councilmen's meetings. They would like to have it.
- 2) Dr. Carlisle--block for high school, art school, music school. Recommend 32 and half of 33.

## WARDENS: OF THE ARMY:

Mr. S. Aoki of Japanese ancestry are not allowed to enter the  
Mr. Henry Takaki  
Mr. Yasuda  
Mr. Kasai  
Mr. Yoshino

Present headquarter is at Block 11--Recreation Hall 11. Its location is very suitable for the wardens and also suitably located.

The dining hall would be a more spacious place to accommodate the force in the near future and different training courses might be held there.

For the present time, the council has no voice in it, and we have not been able to contact any of the parties involved.

The request is that the council might intervene by seeing the Community Activities Chairman and if the recreation hall 11 is not to be used immediately, the wardens would like to be there until they have a permanent establishment.

It will be very detrimental to the morals of the wardens if they have to move.

In view of the fact that the letter was presented to Mr. Takaki, the Chairman suggests that they have a conference with Mr. Fridley again, expressing the concern of all their men, and it will then be the duty of Mr. Fridley to see if he will not be able to renegotiate for them. Until such time, the Council will hold any action in abeyance. The Council will try its best to help.

It has been moved and seconded that Mr. Iiyama and Dr. Hibota go to the Project Director and talk verbally with him. Motion was carried and passed.

#### EDUCATIONAL ASSEMBLY: (Kay Nishida)

Three philosophies;

- 1) By regional representation.
- 2) Representation of vocation.
- 3) Representation of shades of thoughts.

Suggestion: Elect one representative from each block to this educational assembly and then there will be about 36 members of this educational assembly selected on reasonal basis. Five persons among themselves and probably two members of the Council. (preferably one in Japanese and one in English.)

The Board of Education set among residents will not have power of hiring and giving dismissals of teachers. That will rest with W.R.A. plus the Civil Service group.

Proposal is to have an Educational Assembly--one representative from each block and from that have a Board of Education. (Five) Like to have it as quickly as possible.

School starts on October 19, 1942.

Kay Nishida suggests within this week, the block should have an election of the block representative for Educational Assembly.

#### SCHOOLS:

Elementary school--Five houses in its west side of Block 9.  
Five houses in its east side of Block 13.

~~Elementary~~ High school--Five houses on the west side of Block 30.  
Five houses on the west side of Block 34.

All of 32 and half of 33 for high school, art school, and music school.

#### HOUSING: (Albert Kosakura and Ernie Iiyama)

Housing facilities are very crowded as it is now. Every single room is needed for housing.

Mr. Kosakura wondered if Block 1 and Block 8 will be vacated by the contractors. If Block 8 is vacated soon--it is dependent for the high school location.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Block election for Educational Council.

SATURDAY NIGHT: Hearing of the block election.

MONDAY NIGHT: Councilmen's meeting.

Motion has been made that we have three advisers who would accommodate the Educational Council from each block. Motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting Adjourned.  
10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

EDUCATIONAL MEETING

2:00 p.m.

Chairman-----Kay Nishida

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Kay Nishida.  
Roll call for the respective blocks:

Block 3----	0	Block 13---	1
Block 5----	1	Block 14---	4
Block 6----	2	Block 16---	1
Block 7----	1	Block 19---	3
Block 9----	2	Block 20---	1
Block 10---	2	Block 22---	3
Block 11---	3	Block 23---	3
Block 12---	1	Block 26---	3

The Chairman introduced the honored guest, Dr. R. L. Gibson, Assistant Director of Education and Recreation of the WRA office in San Francisco.

Mr. Lorne W. Bell, Head of the Community Service Division was also introduced.

EDUCATION:

The City Council has met four times so far, and they deemed one of the important subjects is to guide the problem of education. Committee of Kay Nishida and Albert Kosakura were to make a report on what kind of a setup we are to have. They have conferred with the various educators and have made a recommendation to the Community Council, and the Council has adopted this plan, and this plan is explained very briefly as follows:

Each block is to have one representative to this Educational Congress. This representative is to be elected at a block meeting. We expect to have some 36 blocks in operation so this will mean that we will have 36 members to this Educational Congress. The next step will be to form an Advisory Board of Education consisting of five members of this Educational Congress and two members from the City Council. Members will cooperate with the superintendent and advise the school administration in all the manners pertaining to education.

That briefly is the setup which we are planning. We had to hurry up a little bit in this setting up of this organization for two reasons:

- 1) Very urgent that we have an organization as quickly as possible because school is to start on October 19, and there is much preliminary work.
- 2) Lack of housing facilities for schools. Dr. Carlisle will explain in further detail about this.

For today's meeting we have decided to have simply informal discussions to exchange views and have explanations on policies and on various problems connected with education for Dr. Carlisle. We expect to have a full formal meeting of this Congress sometime next week and proceed with the election of the chairman and a smaller group for education.

We are going to have a meeting tonight in Dining Hall #11. This meeting will be for the purpose of discussing just one specific problem

and that will be the problem of housing for schools. Those in attendance at the meeting will be the members of the Council (16), also members of the Educational Congress (16), and each of these members of the Education will have three advisors, all together about 100 persons.

We have invited various agencies interested in Community Welfare to be there. We have invited Dr. Carlisle to explain the school administration standpoint. We have invited Dr. Ramsey to discuss the health problem in connection with housing. Also Mr. Lafrabreque and also two members of the Housing to give facts and figures to present standpoints of the housing committee.

Mr. Iyeki will translate Dr. Carlisle's speech into Japanese after Dr. Carlisle has given his talk.

At this time, may I present to you, Dr. Carlisle, Superintendent of Schools.

DR. CARLISLE:

I am happy to be here. I am happy to know that steps have been taken to elect an Educational Council. There are many problems pertaining to education that you will want to talk over with school people. Education in some form or other, either formal or informal always exists.

If parents were interested in the welfare of their children, they have to have some teaching for their children.

Men who worked in forests tell me that a baby deer just from heredity can take care of itself in a few days. A baby human being would die if left alone. Wherever you find human beings, they have set up some means or other to educate their children so their children can carry on the life that they have carried on. Each new generation must go a little farther than the one before; otherwise it slips back. We like to keep the children from learning some of the things that we know.

Schools have come into the picture historically. Here in the United States one of the significant things about our history is this establishment of schools. The first permanent settlers that came to America in 1600 came here for religious reasons. The living was difficult. Conditions were so difficult it set reliably that in that colony of Massachusetts, there wasn't a baby born for a matter of four years that lived. Older folks died, but enough survived that the colony stayed on. It was in 1620 that those first settlers came and they had difficulties and had problems to survive. 1636--16 years later older people began to recognize what was happening.

We also have a college to train leaders. Twenty-two years later they realized that we must not only have a school for leaders, but we must also have a school for our children.

Compulsory education was as far back as 1642.

I was employed in the schools on the seventh of September. I was born in the northern part of Utah and was Superintendent of Schools just south of Topaz.

Contractors have been delayed on the project because of the dust and the storm. Discussion has finally reached that we know we'll get school buildings, but the question is how soon are we going to get them?

The thing to do as far as schools are concerned:

- 1) Get a school staff as quickly as possible.
- 2) Get into a discussion with Mr. Bell and Mr. Ernst about school housing.
- 3) Get school equipment (books, tools for shop, maps for history)
- 4) Curriculum--What do we teach?

If school buildings aren't built, we believe that we could take one block of buildings and convert that into good high schools. We believe that it could be done. School children are ordinarily in groups of 30 and 40. Besides classrooms, we ought to have some space to have school programs. (Recreation halls) Winter months may be cold, and children may not be used to the outdoor playgrounds.

Note: Tulalake--furniture factory is getting set up to make furniture.

It will be better for little tots if we can spot elementary schools in each corner so they will not have to walk much. Have a typical dormitory. Could be divided up to four classrooms or three--better if we divide them into three. Two buildings will give us six rooms; counting kindergarten we need seven rooms.

What we would like to have:

- 1) One block for high school.
- 2) Four houses in each of the four corners.

#### QUESTIONS:

How many people are in this community?  
How many blocks are filled?  
How many blocks are not filled?

When the new schools are to be completed, report will be given at the joint meeting tonight.

#### BILL SASEGAWA'S SUGGESTION:

Classrooms can be cleared and used for playrooms also if necessary.

If people are being moved out farther because for the schools to move in, the other offices will have the advantage of saying that they would like to move in because the people moved out for the schools.

VACANCIES: 32 is vacant. (High School) 41 is vacant. (Saved for the Tanforan group) Counting out blocks 32 and 41--places can be found for 450 new people.

All of Block 8 is being released Monday night by the contractors.

MR. HUGHES: Representing Mr. Ernst--Will report the number of dining rooms now open. The long waiting lines to eat is not good when muddy weather is coming along.

DR. GIBSON: Greeting from WRA in San Francisco.

He has been very much impressed with the atmosphere. He has a feeling that the finest schools in the states are going to be in these relocation centers. Teachers who have come here have come here for a great responsibility as a matter of education the boys and girls here. He is sure we do not need to worry or doubt that our boys and girls are going to receive just as good an education and he believes better than other boys and girls outside.

KAY NISHIDA: Business meeting: Tonight we will have a joint meeting with the Council and members of the Educational Congress. I presume it would be better for you people to have maybe two spokesmen selected among yourselves who represent your body and ask questions to the experts and give your opinion and act as your spokesmen. Decided that we leave it open to anyone to ask questions.

BILL SASEGAWA: Suggested that part of Block 8 and part of Block 41 could be used for the elementary schools.

MR. AKASHI'S PLAN: Utilize the recreation halls around the high school area for the elementary schools.

DR. CARLISLE: Neglected to make this statement in the opening remark. Any member of the Educational Council who want to come in and talk with him, they are perfectly welcome to come in and talk to him. Location is the Administration Building B.

Meeting Adjourned.  
4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

HEARING  
October 10, 1942  
7:15 p.m.

The meeting was opened by a greeting from the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota, to the residents of Topaz.

"As you all know, this is quite a vital issue. It involves the residents for two matters:

- 1) That of housing. (Adequate housing)
- 2) That of adequate education for the children.

We are having this meeting tonight in order that every resident may fully appreciate the efforts, the real sincere efforts, being made by the Housing Administrators and Japanese residence staff members and also of the Educational Administrators and staff members. In order that they may serve the best interest of our community the barracks naturally are here to stay and they will not be moved the question is how best are we going to utilize the barracks?

Tonight we wish to hear the facts and figures. We invite opinions expressed by any administrative staff, and we also invite especially the opinions expressed by the residents. Tonight there will be a number of discussions made, and all the points will be taken into consideration and at a near future date, the Council, if it seems necessary, will try to render a recommendation which will be forwarded to the proper authorities. It might be that there is no problem; possibly with a little compromise between the Housing Department and the Educational Department the problem may not exist and that would be what we all would want. And now we shall go into the presentation of various members of education and of housing in order that we might appreciate more the problems that confront both departments.

We have with us this evening a gentleman who is the Superintendent of Schools who has been looking forward toward opening, urging, and building a good educational system. It gives me pleasure to introduce to you at this time, Dr. John C. Carlisle, Superintendent of Schools."

DR. CARLISLE:

"American Public Schools is what he calls the Seven Great Battles of Education. My children are going to get an opportunity to become the best kind of people they might become is the general idea of the people in America.

More than 300 years ago when the first colonists came to America, the country was unsettled except by Indians. The first settlement here, what is now the United States, was made in 1620 by a very small group of people. Life was hard for these folks. In Massachusetts Colony, the large percentage could not stand life. Not one of the children in the Massachusetts Colony lived because life was so difficult. As soon as the settlement of the first English Colony they were confronted with this question of education. Within 20 years after that first settlement those folks began to discover that their leaders were educated in England and elsewhere. These people are the ones who set up Harvard College. This is the foundation of the education in the United States. A few years later, they placed a similar problem on the education of their children. Most parents try to educate their children. The first settlers were so concerned about this that they set up a representative assembly that passed the law compelling

all parents to educate their children. Five years later, the assembly passed another law requiring every community to set up a school and impelling the community to set their children to go to school. This was in 1647.

In our state and in the state in which most of us live, there isn't anyone who could prevent a child to education. A young child can demand an education at the expense of the public. That's how much we believe in education. Regardless of what we think of the WRA policy, one of the very profound things that happen the country is confronted with tremendous expenses. We are spending millions of dollars in many ways because of the war effort.

Money was appropriated not only for schools, but standards were set up as high as any place in the United States. We have the money to set up the schools, and we are willing to do it if you want it. The parents would be in favor of it 100 per cent. The kind of education we had at Tanforan that the residents put up by their own efforts was enough to tell him that we wanted education."

#### QUESTION OF HOUSING:

Until the people have a roof over their heads, the question of schools has to be postponed. October 19 is the date set for school openings.

One full block would take care of the high school.

Elementary schools--four rooms of each grade regardless of where they are located.

28 rooms--kindergarten up to the sixth grade.

If we had a typical winter, the fine thing to do is to have four centers so children will not have to wald so far to school.

Assume that we have seven rooms. One room for storage space and office room. Eight rooms in all. What we'll like to have is to make it desirable for those children to play for recess periods, assembly time, and school plays. Four typical resident houses. Cut these into three rooms (have nine large rooms)--then the extra room for recreation.

Discussion would be the people's discussion as to where we want our schools put. Assume that we want the schools because the government has provided for it. Assume that we get the buildings--tables and chairs for the children to work on. Requisition has been placed for all this. Books that were used in Tanforan have been shipped here.

#### TEACHERS:

Appropriated money to hire a faculty. Civil Service set up standards so high that we are getting a superior group of teachers. It might take some time to get a complete staff of teachers because a lot of them have gone into other occupations.

What kind of boys and girls do we want our boys and girls to be? If our schools are going to start moving, maybe we ought to say to the City Council that we hope they'll be able to reach a decision in which the schools are to be opened up so we might get ready. Twenty-eight classrooms--minimum--not counting the nursery. A group of seven at one place with access to a recreation hall.

CHAIRMAN:

We all now have a speaker from the Housing group. As you all know, since the first group, aside from the advanced contingent, we have had a great difficulty for housing. I do not believe that anyone who is directly connected with Housing can fully appreciate all the headaches to please the residents who came here. I know that I myself cannot appreciate in full the trouble that they have gone to. Every night they have stayed up trying to set all residents as satisfactorily as possible under the circumstances.

MISS MARIE KYOGOKU:

We have had difficulty with housing ever since we came. The buildings were already made in part--all of them were gradually completed day by day. However the buildings have six apartments which the Army says four people in the end apartments, A and F, which is 16'x 20'. The Army says five people in the C and D apartments, 20'x 20'. Six or seven people in the B and E apartments, 20'x 26'.

A and F are too crowded for four people and five people are too crowded in a C or D.

Couples have been asked to live together and up to yesterday there are more than 120 couples who requested to be separated into end rooms.

Total number of rooms: 2,304  
816 rooms of A and F  
720 rooms of C and D  
768 rooms of B and E

Actual number of vacancies are 130 rooms. Of this, 21 are A and F, 14 are C and D, 96 are of B and E. People are in 32 blocks. 76 rooms are occupied by two couples.

Some families of four are in B and E which is wasteful but housing is only allowed certain blocks for certain days. On the days of big families, it was all right, but on the days of small families, small families were put into big rooms because these rooms were the only ones available. No consolidated vacancies anywhere.

Spaces saved for other than Block 2 which is for the teachers and the Administrative staff.

Blocks 1 and 8-----Contractors  
Block 32-----Reserved for high school

Unless we have adequate partitions, adequate stoves, adequate cooperation from all the people into other areas, I am afraid that it is a problem I personally have no solution for.

If we can have the houses remodeled by putting in additional partitions and by moving partitions already existing, I think that the problem can be solved, but until such time, it is a problem for Housing.

Presentation from Educational Department and Housing Department:

If we have a few others who are vitally interested, it may aid us in the solution of the problem that is before us.

## TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY WELFARE:

Mr. M. Kudo:

Since the matter of education and housing is very closely connected with our work, it is our great interest in attending this meeting. We know that the buildings are limited so it is our problem to solve the question how to educate people in the limited buildings, and also at the same time, we'd like to have adequate buildings for the residents. We are asked to help out on the housing program so our department is so anxious to see that every consideration is given to the housing departments to see that all the programs are solved. Home life cannot be sacrificed. Of course, we recognize the importance of education. However it is just as vital an importance to have a happy home life in order to keep up this so-called "mental climate." In closing, I would like to stretch as much as possible that everybody take notion that education or part of the education be carried out for the residents.

Mr. S. Hamada:

Something should be done to solve these problems for education and housing. We would like to see the housing and education departments operating as efficiently as possible as both departments are important in the life of this community. It appears that one of these departments should make a sacrifice in favor of the other. Our department realizes the weight of this problem and the importance of choosing wisely which one should come first. After a thorough investigation of this problem, we have come to the conclusion that one of the important things in life is a home life. The main concern now seems to be to keep up a good home life. They do not want to share rooms with another family. The educational program should be completely set aside. Every effort should be carried out for its program. In speaking on behalf of our department, we should like to see this problem solved as satisfactorily as possible. But right now housing is considered first.

## INTRODUCTION OF MR. HUGHES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE TOPAZ PROJECT:

We may have to compromise on the date that spaces may be available.

No one is more interested in housing than I am. Housing is the first consideration. But the housing problems are going to gradually disappear. Army rates this camp as a camp for 10,000 people. There will be one more contingent of residents from Tanforan. So from what the Army rates, this place is a discrepancy of 1,700 to 1,800 people. The blocks represent 1,200 accommodations. Block 8 will be returned to us by Tuesday.

These apartments are going to be remodeled to the point that every family unit will have privacy. Within the family we would like to partition rooms for their privacy.

We have withdrawn Block 32 for the high school.

Elementary schools-----1 $\frac{1}{4}$  blocks-----Sixteen buildings.

After considering these facts, I think we can tentatively give the school facilities a trial period. We can think favorably toward it. I think that we are going to have the facilities available to grant a minimum space to the schools.

Housing is a major and physical problem today, and it is disappearing gradually, and we are using every means at our disposal to do so.

Dining halls were constructed to be used as dining halls so they should be used for eating places. There will not have to be a long line of people waiting.

I believe that we will be able to accommodate a school system to some of the houses which might be available.

#### QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION PERIOD:

Mr. Akashi:

Utilize the four corners around the high school area for elementary schools. The four corners as follows:

Recreation halls 12, 13, 19, and 20.  
Recreation halls 8, 9, 10, and 16.  
Recreation halls 22, 23, 29, and 30.  
Recreation halls 26, 27, 33, and 34.

Have the canteen move to Recreation 11.  
Have barber shop and shoe repair shop move to Recreation 31.  
Have library at Recreation 32.  
Seventeen recreation halls are left for recreation.

There must be a sacrifice on some group in order to make some provisions for schools. So the offices at various recreation halls can make sacrifices by moving out to some halls in the corners instead of upholding the center halls.

Bill Sasagawa:

279 persons coming here from Tanforan.  
126 are joining families who are already here.  
The rest of those 50 families can be put into eight barracks.  
Block 32 is saved for high school.  
Blocks 8 and 41 can be used for elementary schools.

Mr. Akashi: Objects to Mr. Sasagawa.

Isolation block is needed and Block 8 has to be used for residents. Besides when winter months come the distance is too far for the children to walk.

There should be a section within our city called an isolation section to house invalids and semi-invalids, and older people to move into a section to facilitate them in going to latrines and dining halls.

Comfort for the residents come before the recreation of the residents.

Mr. Eaton:

Request-- $1\frac{1}{2}$  blocks for high school.  
2 blocks for elementary schools.  
1 block for community government.  
1 block for personnel.

Allow--1 block for high school.

1 1/3 blocks for community activities and governmental functions  
1 block for Caucasian purposes.

Occupancy is running 250 to 260 persons per block. The highest which is Block 29 runs 309. The least which is Block 4 runs 159. Average runs 200 to 207.

About 442 exist around the project, exclusive of Block 41.

We will have vacancies in Blocks 1, 8, 32, half of Block 41 and possibly more if we were able to scatter the people from Tanforan.

4½ blocks could be available for other than living purposes.

Mr. Kim Obata: Representing the Community Recreation Program.

60,000 people used the seven recreation halls in Tanforan.

Why we divided the recreation halls here into wards is because we wanted to give some to the adults for their activities.

Two to the children.

One to the adults.

One to programs--i.e. movies, shows, etc.

Seven to pre-schools. (Kindergarten)

Considerations:

1) Housing

2) Education

3) Religion

4) Government

5) Welfare

6) Recreation

Use of Recreation Halls as follows:

Recreation 2-----Used by the Caucasians

" 3-----Sugar beet office

" 4-----Employment office

" 5-----Pre-school

" 6-----Recreation hall

" 7-----Art school

" 9-----Pre-school

" 10-----Supplies from Tanforan recreation halls

" 11-----Public Safety Office

" 12-----Barber shop

" 13-----Pre-school

" 14-----Catholic Church

" 16-----City Hall

" 19-----Canteen

" 20-----Recreation hall

" 22-----Protestant Church

" 23-----Recreation hall

" 26-----Public Library

" 27-----Pre-school

" 28-----Buddhist Church

" 29-----Pre-school

" 30-----Community Activities

" 31-----Pre-school

" 32-----School Library

" 33-----Religion center

Recreation 34-----Recreation hall  
" 35-----Pre-school  
" 37-----Recreation hall  
" 39-----Recreation hall

For an isolation area, there is the hospital which will provide for the ill people.

Mr. Ikeda:

He believes in recreation for everybody; not only Niseis but Isseis and Kibeis as well. He believes in keeping up the moral of the people. Recreation means not only football, and other sports, but it means the cultural side as well. It will be to the benefit of the Isseis and Kibeis inasmuch as the WRA is going to allow the presentation of Japanese plays and town hall meetings.

Biggest problem is that the residents do not wish to be moved from their present localities. A third evacuation might be the undermining of the future of the various activities of the community. He would like to see the situation settled. Further emphasized the fact that the schools have not been erected in other relocation authorities. He would impress upon the administration urgently to build the schools as quickly as possible.

QUESTION FROM TOBY OGAWA:

125 requests on hand for couples who want to be separated.

How soon do you think these partitions would be made? Are the lumber here already?

ANSWER BY MR. HUGHES: Enough material and enough tools are here, but not enough workers. We'd like everyone's support to build this up.

HARRY KONDA: In relation to Bill Sasegawa's plan.

Distance of school does not make a great deal of difference if schools are to be put in Blocks 8 and 41. Schools are to be permanent in Blocks 15 and 21 so the distance is about the same.

ERNEST IIYAMA: Residents asked to not use electric stoves and heaters. It is important that we get these stoves in immediately especially where there are older people and where they have small children. We will have to get to work and put in stoves. The crew should be appointed to put stoves in the residents' homes instead of the dining halls.

NOTE: Block 35--Block Managers helped the people by getting blankets for them so they should be given recommendations.

MR. IWAOKAWAKAMI: Schools could be delayed one or two weeks because at Tanforan, the schools were started pretty late, around July.

DR. CARLISLE: Out of the many proposals that have been made, I believe that our Community Council can work out a program that will be satisfactory to everyone concerned. Minimum space we need in elementary education is 28 classrooms, excluding the nursery.

QUESTION BY ERNEST IIYAMA: Is there enough stoves for every apartment?

MR. HUGHES: There will be one stove for every apartment conceived by Army.

DR. GIBSON: Nine months of schooling until graduation is all that is required.

MR. YANAGISAWA:

Although education is important there are no tables and chairs for classroom purposes so he would like to see the problem of housing settled before education. Have education opening retarded to some extent.

CHAIRMAN: In closing we want to thank the members of the Administrative staff for coming here over the weekend. We appreciate the sacrifice that they have made. We hope that a very happy solution can be brought about. Thank you all and good night.

Meeting Adjourned.  
10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

6th session and condensed form.

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 12, 1942  
Sixth Session  
6:45 p.m.

1. Chairman-----Dr. .Carl Hirota

Councilmen present were:

John Iwatsu  
Eiichi Sato  
Dr. George Ochikubo  
Masato Maruyama  
Harry Konda  
George Hagiwara  
George Ikeda  
Paul Fujii  
Harry Tawa  
Albert Kosakura  
Mas Sakakihara  
Shinji Yamamoto  
Ernest Iiyama  
Kay Nishida  
Clark Harada

Absent were:

James Hirabayashi (due to night-shift work)  
Vernon Ichisaka (due to business outside)

2. Japanese Literature:

Victor Abe is to write a letter requesting the return of Japanese literature and records which were taken up at Tanforan with the promise that they would be returned at the relocation center.

3. Labor:

The following points were clarified by a letter from the Regional Director in San Francisco:

1. Industrial Labor

Any person who commutes to work outside is required to pay \$20 a month for his own subsistence.

2. Agricultural Labor

No charge whatsoever.

4. Education:

On the basis of the hearing last Saturday night the Council recommended that all of Block 32 be used for the high school, and the eastern half of Blocks 8 and 41 respectively be used for elementary schools. Thus the recreational halls will be included in the buildings to be used for schools.

This recommendation was made with the provision that adequate adjustments can be made under the prevailing conditions and that it be on a temporary basis until the school buildings are built.

A recommendation was sent to Washington, D. C. and to the administration urging them to construct school buildings as soon as possible.

A recommendation is to be sent to the Educational and Transportation Divisions to furnish adequate transportation for the school children, especially during the cold winter months.

5. Landscaping:

The actual work cannot start until the contractors leave the center because the irrigation ditches would make the transportation of materials difficult. However, the plans are being made.

The opinion of the residents in each block is to be asked for as to whether they would like to put gravel into their respective blocks voluntarily or wait for the public works division to put it in.

The block managers are to organize the volunteers and put the gravel in between the buildings.

6. Report on Dining Hall #2:

That each person is paying 35 cents a meal.

7. Canteen:

That five percent over the invoice price was offered to the merchant from the outside for his tools and hardware, but no answer has been received.

8. Prohibited Areas:

A memorandum is to be sent to Mr. Fridley recommending that signs be put up on the border of the prohibited areas to notify the residents of these areas.

9. Taxes on Cigarettes:

Victor Abe is to find out what the cigarette tax is used for and also ask the opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Utah whether we can use our share of it as any other city or town is using it.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 12, 1942  
6:45 p.m.

*Fifth Session*

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW COUNCILMEN:

Block 26-----John Iwatsu  
Block 20-----Eiichi Sato  
Block 23-----Dr. George Ochikubo  
Block 37-----Masato Maruyama  
Block 38-----George Hagiwara  
Block 42-----George Ikeda

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

Paul Fujii  
Harry Tawa  
Masaaiki Sakakihara  
Shinji Yamamoto  
Ernest Iiyama  
Kay Nishida  
Harry Konda  
Albert Kosakura  
Clark Harada

Bob Iki

James Hirabayashi was unable to attend due to night-shift work.  
Vernon Ichisaka was unable to attend due to business outside.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

JAPANESE LITERATURE:

Instead of Dr. Hirota and Ernest Iiyama going to the proper authorities to talk verbally there should be a written memorandum for the release of Japanese literature.

*Victor Abe is to write a letter requesting the return of Jap. literature*  
Requested that Victor Abe send a written request to the proper authorities about Japanese literature.

*and records which were taken up at San Francisco with the promise that they would be returned at the relocation center.*  
LABOR: Letter from Regional Director in San Francisco.

1) Industrial Labor

If person who secures employment outside commutes back and forth from camp, he is required to pay \$20 a month for himself.

2) Agricultural Labor

There is no charge whatsoever.

Harry Konda will get letter to the above specifically. Then copies of the letter will be typed out and be given to each council member.

EDUCATIONAL AND HOUSING PROBLEM:

Educational Department: (Kay Nishida)

There was a meeting of the Educational Congress Saturday afternoon. Representatives from various blocks were there--parents who were interested in education for children. Mr. Bell and Dr. Carlisle were present. The meeting was held for the purpose of giving the members of the Educational Congress pre-information regarding the issues involved. Most of the members were Isseis so Mr. Iyeki translated the English into Japanese so they would understand.

In brief, there should be no moving of anyone from their present home at the present time.

This afternoon he had a conference with Dr. Carlisle regarding various matters concerning this housing problem. He was told to tell the members of the Council whatever the people of Topaz decides in Housing, it would be all right. It is up to the people to decide. Department of Education will be glad to cooperate.

If Dr. Carlisle were given the choice of Housing--Recreation Halls or Blocks 8 and 41, he would rather have Blocks 8 and 41 instead of using the Recreation Halls around the center. Half of Blocks 8 and 41 would be sufficient for the elementary school purposes provided that the children will have the use of the recreation halls.

Dr. Carlisle heard rumors that the Health Department was going to use Block 8 for infectious disease ward. If that was the case, he would not want the elementary school there. Common use of lavatories is dangerous for the children. If ordinary residents were put in those blocks, he would be perfectly satisfied. He was very cooperative and was willing to go more than half way to solve this problem.

Housing Department: (Ernest Iiyama)

Block 32 is going to be utilized for the high school.

Actual spaces open at this time:

A and F rooms-----134 needed for adjustments.

C and D rooms----- 54 needed for adjustments.

B and E rooms----- 45 needed for adjustments.

Three enlarged rooms needed for adjustments.

Rooms that would be open *by adjustments*

A and F rooms-----26

C and D rooms-----49

B and E rooms-----67

None in the enlarged rooms.

Various other reports were given regarding the rooms. As far as Housing is concerned, there is adequate room.

Suggestion by Dr. Ochikubo:

The Social Welfare Department is working out on the problem of baggage (winter clothes) that is back home. School children are lacking for winter clothes, and the distance is too far to Blocks 8

and 41 so the four-corner recreation halls were preferred.

Isolation wards were needed so the blocks were needed. This is the problem that the Community Welfare is now working on.

The Chairman will entertain the motion regarding the allocation of school buildings from anyone on the floor.

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion that half of Block 8 and half of Block 41 be utilized for elementary schools and entire block of 32 be used for the high school, and in each block recreation halls will be utilized also for the school recreation.

The motion has been unanimously carried that the Council recommend to Housing and Education that half of Block 8 and half of Block 41 be used for elementary schools and the entire block of 32 be used for the high school. This recommendation was made with the provision that adequate adjustments can be made under the prevailing conditions and that it be on a temporary basis until the school buildings are built.

Prepare a recommendation letter that they may forward to Housing and Education.

Transportation: Needed for school children during winter months.

It has been moved and seconded that we send a recommendation to both the Education Department and the Department of Transportation that they furnish adequate transportation for necessary elementary school children. The motion was unanimously carried.

Original recommendation regarding the housing and transportation for school children should be brought to the Project Director's attention. Have carbon copy to Mr. Ernst.

As a temporary housing of the Educational Department, the Council has recommended the following:

"We urge and request the Administration that they contact Washington, D.C. and push this building project through as quickly as possible."

The above to be sent to both Education Department and Administration. Refer also to Educational Congress, saying that we have made the recommendation, and would like to have them push the problem along.

LANDSCAPING: (Shinji Yamamoto)

They cannot start yet until contractors get off. The minute they finish up and the plans are approved, they will go ahead. They are expecting to use the cooperation of the residents. Without the help of the people, they may not be able to cover very much this winter.

(Note for the next meeting)

Residents of each block be requested for an opinion as to whether they would like to voluntarily help in the placing of gravel. (Within the block itself.)

Recreational area was ready to be submitted.  
Most of the members in the committee of landscaping are working as gardeners.

Gravel will be brought in a truck in front of the buildings, and it will be voluntarily work for the residents. The Block Managers will take care of getting the volunteers.

OFFICE OF BLOCK MANAGERS:

The corner of the laundry room is not used so if the residents are willing to give the rooms to the Block Managers, they would like it for permanent use.

Ernest Iiyama talk it over with the Block Managers so it might be incorporated at the next meeting.

REPORT ON DINING HALL #2:

Thirty-five cents a meal is charged per person at the present time. If a family of four is eating at the same dining hall, thirty-five cents will be charged for each member.

More will be reported at the next meeting.

CANTEEN PROBLEM: (Paul Fujii)

We will offer 5 per cent over invoice price on tools plus shipping to buy the tools we wanted in the canteen. No answer yet.

Due to illness, Paul Fujii have not had time to look into it.

LETTER FROM HENRY TAKAKI:

Scrap lumber business:

Block Managers make a survey of their own blocks and distribute lumber to the ones who have no lumber at all yet.

Send a memorandum to Mr. Takaki that it was taken up at the Council meeting, but it has been reported that the Block Managers would take care of that on a voluntary basis.

LETTER FROM LEE J. NOTZGER:

Request of Council to appoint foreman for the Department of Maintenance and Sanitation.

Mr. Kosakura suggest the workers choose their own foreman.

Send a letter to Mr. Notzger in effect that his letter of October 5 was taken into consideration and in view of the fact that not all of the workers are here in this center, the Council recommends that if the workers themselves could elect a temporary foreman until such time that the other workers join them at which time they could elect a permanent foreman among themselves.

Note: Mr. Tawa and Mr. Sakakihara form a labor commission for

this purpose. Submit ten names so Council can pick five to be appointed to this labor commission. (Select the residents)

#### IN RELATION TO PROHIBITED AREAS:

Send a memorandum to Mr. Fridley to the effect that it has been called to our attention and there have been some difficulty of residents--residents are not aware of certain restricted areas due to the occupancy by construction people. We feel that if the sign painters were asked to make adequate signs to mark boundaries, it will be of help to the residents as well as his force. The Council approves the posting of signs restricting residents from entering the high school area, Blocks 1, 2, and 8, and the hospital area.

#### LETTER FROM THE HOSPITAL STAFF:

Dr. Benjamin Kondo  
Dr. Eugenia Y. Fujita  
Dr. Paul Yamauchi  
Dr. John Teshima

A committee of three--George Hagiwara, Clark Harada, and Paul Fujii--will look up on the hospital problem. They have volunteered to find out more about it.

Send letters to:

Dr. Kondo  
Dr. Fujita  
Dr. Yamauchi  
Dr. Teshima

Recommendation will be taken up by the Council after report is given by the committee.

#### PETS:

Conditions are such that there is no home for pets.

Direct letter to the Community Welfare to the effect that the problem being that of a social problem, we would like to hear a recommendation from the Social Community Welfare.

Also direct a letter to the Medical Director of this center what his opinions are relative to sanitation and health, relative to rabies, relative to the care of veterinarian.

Also direct a letter to Housing and ask their opinion.

Paul Fujii will check up on this problem.

#### TAXES ON CIGARETTES:

Investigate on what the taxes are used for.

Victor Abe is to find out what the cigarette tax is used for and also ask the opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Utah whether we can use our share of it as any other city or town is using it.

The Chairman stated that he preferred afternoon meetings instead of night meetings. The Chairman will talk verbally with Mr. Ernst and Mr. Bell and see what can be done.

The next meeting will be ~~Monday~~ Monday night of next week.

LETTER OF THANKS TO:

Dr. Carlisle of Education.  
Mr. Eaton of Housing along with Miss Kyogoku.  
Mr. Kudo of Community Welfare.  
Mr. S. Hamada of Community Welfare.  
Mr. Iyeki of the Post Office Department.

Meeting Adjourned.

9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

*7th session and condensed form*

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 19, 1942  
Seventh Session  
6:45 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota. Councilmen present were: Ernest Iiyama, Shinji Yamamoto, Dr. George Ochikubo, James Hirabayashi, John Iwatsu, George Ikeda, Masato Maruyama, Harry Konda, Vernon Ichisaka, Albert Kosakura, Masaaki Sakakihara, Harry Tawa, George Hagiwara, Paul Fujii, and Clarke Harada.

Introduction of new members: George Hoshide from Block 27, Shiro Shibata from Block 28, Saiki Muneno from Block 30, James Nishimura from Block 31, Iwao Shimizu from Block 39, and Tsune Baba from Block 36.

JUDICIARY COMMISSION:

Mr. Fridley asked the Council to appoint a Judiciary Commission immediately to hear and pass judgment on a case which must be settled immediately.

It was his belief that this matter should be settled here in Topaz and not be brought to the court of Millard County.

Since the Judiciary Committee was not in a position to set up the machinery for this Commission, its recommendations were tabled until the next meeting.

However, it was decided that a temporary Judiciary Commission of five members be appointed by the Council.

The following members were appointed to serve on the Commission until the permanent Commission is selected:

1. D. T. Uchida
2. Koshi Suzuki
3. Tamon Katase
4. James Hirano
5. Kay Tsukamoto

Shozo Tsuchida or S. Hamada will serve in the event that any of the above members cannot serve on the Commission.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR:

Mr. Den Morozumi was appointed temporarily as Public Prosecutor for Topaz.

RESIGNATION OF A COUNCILMAN:

Because he was busy with his work outside, Councilman Sam Yagyu's resignation was accepted.

The election committee of Block 13 will be requested to hold an election for the Councilman from that block.

PARKS AND LANDSCAPING:

The recommendations of the Committee on Parks and Landscaping were accepted. Some of the points were:

- 1) To refrain from using the area between the recreation halls and

- barracks for recreational purposes.
- 2) To build benches and platforms around the dining halls and other spots where people may congregate to chat.
  - 3) To ask for voluntary help from the residents to lay the gravel for the paths in their respective blocks.

#### BLOCK MANAGERS' OFFICES:

Upon the request from the Block Managers, a committee was appointed to look into this matter and make a recommendation to the Council. Committee members are as follows: John Iwatsu, George Hoshida, and Paul Fujii.

#### INVITATION TO THE LYON'S CLUB:

Mr. Lorne Bell suggested that the Council invite the Lyon's Club of Delta to a luncheon in Topaz on the first Wednesday of November.

James Nishimura, Clarke Harada, and Masato Maruyama were appointed to a committee to look into this matter.

#### FOOD PROBLEM:

Because of the reports that there is a general shortage of food in Topaz, and because of the conflicting reports of the Chief Steward and the dining hall chefs, a committee was appointed to investigate and find the reason for such a shortage.

The committee members are as follows: Harry Tawa, George Ikeda, Paul Fujii, Clarke Harada. The committee to investigate Dining Hall #2 was also included in this committee.

#### HOSPITAL:

Recommendations from the fact-finding committee are as follows:

- 1) Immediate need of a competent surgeon.
- 2) Immediate provision should be made for the safekeeping of narcotics in order that we may store adequate quantities at the hospital.
- 3) An adequate supply of the necessary drugs should be obtained now from Delta or Salt Lake City pending the arrival of those on order.
- 4) Organization and operation of the Diet Kitchen by resident dietician.
- 5) A panel delivery is now operating as a delivery car for formulae and baby food throughout the Center and also as a call car. They feel that the addition of another hospital car is necessary.
- 6) There should be an immediate installation of a telephone system even through temporary for communication to the hospital. Dining hall telephone should be made available to the residents for emergency purposes at all hours.
- 7) They urge the speeding up of the Public Health Program.
- 8) The Council should be provided a report on the bacteriological and chemical analysis of the well waters.
- 9) A separate water storage and independent electric power for the hospital be installed immediately.

Respectfully submitted  
Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 19, 1942  
Seventh Session  
6:45 p.m.

The Chairman calls the seventh session of the Community Council to order. Those present were Ernest Iiyama, Shinji Yamamoto, Dr. George Ochikubo, James Hirabayashi, John Iwatsu, George Ikeda, Masato Maruyama, Harry Konda, Vernon Ichisaka, Albert Kosakura, Masaaki Sakakihara, Harry Tawa, George Hagiwara, Paul Fujii, and Clark Harada.

Introduction of new members: George Hoshide from Block 27, Shiro Shibata from Block 28, Saiki Muneno from Block 30, James Nishimura from Block 31, Iwao Shimizu from Block 39, and Tsune Baba from Block 36.

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY--

MR. FRIDLEY:

He came here to urge the appointment of the Judiciary Commission. A young man was attacked by six or seven people about four nights ago. He is confined at the hospital. Two of the men have confessed of their conviction. He believes that it is very important that we have a Judiciary to make a recommendation to what the Division of Public Safety should take.

At the present there is no law in the city of Topaz to take care of a matter of this kind. It is better that we make settlement here instead of bringing it to the court in Millard County.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: (Albert Kosakura)

Judiciary committee has asked six residents to help them to study how to set up this Judiciary Commission. The six are Victor Abe, Yoshio Katayama, James Nishimura, Shozo Tsuchida, Den Morozumi, and Tamon Katase. They had two meetings last week, and their discussion was limited to this method of selecting this Judiciary Commission on their qualifications. According to the minutes:

- 1) The members of this Judiciary Commission have to be 25 years or over.
- 2) Advisable that Councilman not hold this office; however residents are eligible.

The commission should be named by the Council and approved by the residents as a whole. (Consist of seven members.) Commissioners not on the payroll should be compensated. Ministers and preachers should not be on this commission. Term of the commission should be at least six months. Members of this commission should have an intelligent understanding of justice. It is not necessary to have legal-minded people.

The Chairman has been asked whether Block Managers will be eligible to the seat of the Judiciary Commissions.

George Hagiwara's opinion is that Block Managers already have quite a bit of work to do so it might be advisable if we could get seven individual residents.

The Chairman will entertain the motion that we set up a temporary Judiciary Commission composed of three or five residents in order that immediate cases may be tried.

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion that we set up a temporary Judiciary Commission of five members, until a permanent Judiciary Commission is set up, to take care of any emergency that may arise.

It has been moved and seconded that we set up a temporary Judiciary Commission which will act as judges until such time that a permanent commission is organized. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### NOMINATION OF THE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION:

- 1) James Nishimura nominates Mr. N. Nakashima, who was Editor of the Japanese-American News in San Francisco.
- 2) Tsune Baba nominates Mr. Koshi Suzuki who was Principal of the Kimmon Gakuen for twenty odd years in San Francisco.
- 3) Shinji Yamamoto nominates Mr. D. T. Uchida who was connected with the Mitsui Company of San Francisco.
- 4) John Iwatsu nominates Mr. Kay Tsukamoto, Commander of the American Legion.
- 5) The Judiciary nominates Shozo Tsuchida, a Boalt Hall student.
- 6) The Judiciary nominates Yoshio Katayama, Patent Lawyer.
- ~~7) The Judiciary nominates Victor Abe.~~
- 8) The Judiciary nominates Mr. Morozumi, Interpreter in San Francisco.
- 9) The Judiciary nominates Mr. S. Hamada, Graduate of the Pacific School of Religion.
- 10) The Judiciary nominates James Hirano who was an active House Manager in Tanforan.
- 11) The Judiciary nominates Mr. Tamon Katase who was connected with the Japanese-American News in San Francisco.

Messrs. D. T. Uchida, Koshi Suzuki, Tamon Katase, James Hirano, and Kay Tsukamoto have been voted to serve on the temporary Judiciary Commission.

The Judiciary committee is to see these gentlemen so that a meeting with Mr. Fridley and Captain Takagi could be brought about. James Nishimura and Dr. Hirota are to help out the Judiciary committee.

In the event that the voted men will not be able to serve on the Judiciary Commission, Messrs. Shozo Tsuchida, and S. Hamada were named.

#### PUBLIC PROSECUTOR:

Motion has been made and seconded that Mr. Den Morozumi should be appointed as Public Prosecutor of the City of Topaz. The motion was unanimously carried.

The rest was left up to the Judiciary Committee.

#### RESIGNATION OF SAM YAGYU:

Due to doing work outside, Sam Yagyuu will not be able to act as a Councilman. Resignation is automatic.

Community Government is to request the Nomination Committee of Block 13 to elect a Councilman to take the place of Sam Yagyuu.

VERNON ICHISAKA:

Vernon Ichisaka has moved from Block 3 but did not want to resign until there was a substitute.

Community Government is to contact the Nomination Committee of Block 3 in reference to the moving of Vernon Ichisaka.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS PREFERRED:

Meetings will be on Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

PARKS AND LANDSCAPE: (Shinji Yamamoto)

1) Block planning:

In general the plan is satisfactory as regards to:

- a) Walks
- b) Roads
- c) Trees and shrubbery
- d) Individual gardens and victory gardens
- e) Utilities

Recommendations:

- a) Study on Block Recreation, keeping in mind to refrain from using area between Recreation hall and barrack.
- b) Platform is necessary where people may congregate to chat.
- c) Easement of rigid geometric paths and roads where it is possible.
- d) Voluntary help of residents for expediency in laying gravel roads and paths.

2) Recreation:

Plan not accepted for following reasons:

a) Roads should be incorporated in design for--

1. Trucks and service cars.
2. Individual games too scattered to conduct any reasonable competition such as:
  - a. Tournaments
  - b. Field days, etc.
3. Scheme of entire recreation area conceived more on individual block recreation rather than recreation for entire city.

3) Cemetery:

Plan as submitted is satisfactory.

- a) Question of columbarium for preservation of ashes and place for service was brought up which they would like the Council to consider.

- 4) Professor Obata submitted a sketch for the dedication stone at the hospital. He suggested the planting of a Juniper (12') in height which could be brought in from the neighboring hill. In order to preserve the tree, it was suggested that it be boxed and raised above grounds to protect it as much as possible from alkaline.

James Nishimura made a motion that Mr. Yamamoto's plan is accepted.

It has been moved and seconded that the recommendations submitted by Mr. Yamamoto and his committee of landscaping be accepted by the Council.

LETTER FROM FRANK YAMASAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS:

Request to be able to use the laundry rooms for their office.

A committee of John Iwatsu, George Hoshide, and Paul Fujii will look into a favorable space in the laundry rooms for the Block Managers' office, and this committee will bring in a recommendation.

*Use of the dining hall was suggested by Shinji Yamamoto.*  
LETTER FROM MR. LORNE BELL ABOUT INVITING THE LYON'S CLUB:

Invitation on first Wednesday in November suggested. A committee of three--James Nishimura, Clark Harada, and Masato Maruyama will look into the various details about the invitation to the Lyon's Club.

FOOD PROBLEM:

Ernest Iiyama made a motion that we sent out a committee to look up on the food problem. It has been moved and seconded .

Harry Tawa, George Ikeda, Paul Fujii, and Clark Harada have volunteered to be on the committee with the help of Harry Konda and James Hirabayashi, *and also help of Tsune Baba if any question about cost and accounting should arise.*

Harry Konda has reported that there is no special allotment in Mess #2 and recommended that special allotments be given to Mess #2.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE WHO INVESTIGATED THE HOSPITAL SITUATION:

- 1) Immediate need of a competent surgeon.
- 2) Immediate provision should be made for the safekeeping of narcotics in order that we may store adequate quantities at the hospital.
- 3) An adequate supply of the necessary drugs should be obtained now from Delta ~~on~~ Salt Lake City pending the arrival of those on order.
- 4) Organization and operation of the Diet Kitchen by resident dietician.
- 5) A panel delivery is now operating as a delivery car for formulae and baby food throughout the Center and also as a call car. They feel that the addition of another hospital car is necessary.
- 6) There should be an immediate installation of a telephone system even though temporary for communication to the hospital. Dining hall telephone should be made available to the residents for emergency purposes at all hours.
- 7) They urge the speeding up of the Public Health Program.
- 8) The Council should be provided a report on the bacteriological and chemical analysis of the well waters.
- 9) A separate water storage and independent electric power for the hospital be installed immediately.

Tsune Baba made a motion that we send a memorandum to Mr. Ernst, embodying the recommendations made by the subcommittee on the hospital. It has been moved and seconded.

Next meeting will be Monday afternoon of next week from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.  
10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

*8th session  
condensed from*

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 26, 1942  
Eighth Session  
1:40 p.m.

The Executive Secretary acted as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

Councilmen absent were Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Eiichi Sato, Clarke Harada, Iwao Shimizu, and George Ikeda.

CORRECTION TO LAST REPORT:

Recommendations from the fact-finding committee were sent to the Project Director.

PROPER PROCEDURE THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD FOLLOW IN CONTACTING  
ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Lorne W. Bell stated that all recommendations to the various administrative heads should go through the Project Director and not directly to the departments heads, and vice versa.

BLOCK MANAGERS' OFFICES:

In reply to the request from the Assistant Project Director, the Council recommended that a corner of the dining halls in each block be used for the block managers' office. The office is to be on the side opposite the kitchen and facing the side where the dishes are being washed. The maximum space is to be 12 feet by 20 feet. This plan is to be approved by the fire marshall before execution.

A memorandum is to be sent to the Project Director.

INVITATION TO THE DELTA LYON'S CLUB:

The Council decided to accept the suggestion which was presented by Mr. Bell at the last meeting.

- a) The members of the Lyon's Club and their wives to be invited.
- b) The reception to be held on the evening of the first Wednesday in November.
- c) Councilmen and their wives to act as hosts and hostesses.

Details are to be carried out by the program committee. Members of this committee are James Nishimura, Clarke Harada, and Masato Maruyama.

It was reported by this committee that the food will be supplied through a special fund by the WRA and that none of the food allotted to the residents will be used.

INVITATION FROM DELTA LYON'S CLUB:

Several members of the Council were invited to a dinner meeting of the Lyon's Club in Delta. The meeting is to be on Wednesday night, October 27, 1942.

CONSTITUTION:

The following Councilmen were appointed to serve on the Constitutional Committee: James Nishimura, Tsune Baba, Masato Maruyama, Vernon Ichisaka, and Albert Kosakura.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Council decided to meet every Thursday evening hereafter, in addition to meeting on every Monday afternoon, because of the large amount of business to handle.

ALIENS:

A recommendation was sent to the Project Director asking that the new ruling on not allowing aliens to enter the WRA centers be reconsidered.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 26, 1942  
Eighth Session  
1:40 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ernest Iiyama. Councilmen present were Harry Konda, Saiki Muneno, Harry Tawa, Tsune Baba, Masato Maruyama, George Hoshide, Shiro Shibata, George Hagiwara, Dr. George Ochikubo, Albert Kosakura, Vernon Ichisaka, Shinji Yamamoto, Mas Sakakihara, Paul Fujii, John Iwatsu, and James Nishimura. Those absent were Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, Eiichi Sato, Clarke Harada, Iwao Shimizu, and George Ikeda.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected.

MR. LORNE W. BELL--THE REASON FOR HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

WRA policy--The man who is completely responsible on this project is the Director, and the Community Government is very important in the mind of Mr. Ernst so Mr. Bell is at the meetings to represent Mr. Ernst.

He asked the Council to direct every procedure through Mr. Ernst and vice versa.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. ROSCOE BELL; AGRICULTURAL DIVISION--CARBON COPY TO THE COUNCIL FROM MR. LORNE BELL:

Council would like to have a clarification on the letter concerning parks and landscape. Shinji Yamamoto will contact Mr. Lorne Bell informally.

BLOCK MANAGERS' OFFICES: (John Iwatsu)

The Block Managers preferred spaces in the dining halls.

Tsune Baba made a motion that we make a recommendation to the effect that the Council approves placing off block managers' offices in the portions of the dining halls pending the approval of the fire marshal. It has been moved and seconded. Maximum space needed is 12' x 20'. The space wanted is facing the dish washers' side. Motion was unanimously carried. This memorandum would be sent to Mr. Ernst.

REPORT ON ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN IN BLOCKS 3 AND 13:

Block 3--Have the residents decide. A letter was sent to Nobu Tabata, Block Manager of Block 3, but no answer has been received as yet.

*Block 13 - another election is to take place.*

FOOD PROBLEM: (Harry Tawa)

He had a talk with Mr. Watson. Decided to have the accountants go through the books. Mr. Nakahiro and Mr. Kimura are helping the committee out on this matter. Mr. Watson at present is in Salt Lake City so have not contacted him since that time.

Forty-five cents a meal is the maximum for each person per day.

Committee is asked to investigate on the grade of butter, milk, etc., look into the transportation system, look into the places where these foods are coming from, and look into property control unit and procurement unit.

Harry Tawa was appointed Chairman of this committee.

A separate requisition was being put on Dining Hall #2.

Have report ready at the next meeting and have it written out.

DELTA LYON'S CLUB INVITATION: (James Nishimura, Clarke Harada, and  
Masato Maruyama)

Recommendations are as follows:

- 1) To hold this reception as presented by Mr. Bell since:
  - a) It is beneficial to make the acquaintance and assimilation of the residents of Topaz and the influential citizens of neighboring regions.
  - b) To introduce the culture and the background of the residents and to show our qualifications as citizens and residents of the United States.
- 2) The method of reception:
  - a) Hold this reception on the evening of the first Wednesday of November.
  - b) To invite all the members and their wives of the Lyon's Club of the Delta region.
  - c) To invite the representative members and their wives of the administrative staff of Topaz.
  - d) To invite the representative residents of Topaz by the decision of the Council.
  - e) Council and their wives to act as host and hostesses.

Finding of the facts:

- 1) The food allotment of the reception will not cut into the food ration of the residents of Topaz--it was assured by the representative member of the administration.

Procedure of this reception:

This Committee recommends earnestly that a special program committee be set up to act upon this matter and function immediately to go into the details of this reception.

Tsune Baba made a motion that we accept the recommendations of the committee. It has been moved and seconded. Motion was unanimously carried. Same committee has been appointed as special program committee.

JUDICIARY COMMISSION: (Albert Kosakura)

Temporary commission yet until permanent commission is appointed.

Write a letter to each one of the members including Mr. Morozumi that they are appointed.

MR. BELL'S PRESENCE IN THE COUNCIL:

Shinji Yamamoto sees no harm in his presence here. He may be able to give us some valuable pointers. For the present it would do us more benefit to have him at the meetings.

Albert Kosakura suggests that we have him for an hour or two and then have our own discussion.

Masato Maruyama disagrees to Albert Kosakura and said we should have him here all four hours.

Harry Konda made a motion that Mr. Bell drop in on the Council meeting whenever he sees fit. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### ELECTIONS OF COUNCILMEN IN BLOCKS 8 AND 41:

Occupied by residents in half of the blocks. Should we have a block representative from each block?

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion that Blocks 8 and 41 have a councilman from their respective districts. Motion was moved and seconded and unanimously carried.

#### LABOR SHORTAGE:

Block Managers have been called upon to haul coal for the last three days, and it was suggested that the Council should take this matter up. Fifteen men are needed to build the concrete ramp. Motion has been moved and seconded that we have a meeting tonight on labor inviting Mr. Ernst, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jennings, and Mr. Cornwall. Send letters to these men. Motion was unanimously carried. The time is at 7:00 p.m., and the place is at the Safety Wardens' Office. Also send invitations to James Hirano, Frank Yamasaki, and Shozo Tsuchida.

Members on the Labor Committee are Harry Tawa, John Iwatsu, Mas Sakakihara, Dr. George Ochikubo, and Vernon Ichisaka.

#### INVITATION FROM DELTA LYON'S CLUB:

They are having a meeting on Wednesday night and would like to invite three representatives from the Council to attend their meeting. It is a dinner affair.

Members on the committee and the Chairman are to go. They are James Nishimura, Clarke Harada, Masato Maruyama, and Ernest Iiyama.

#### CONSTITUTION:

James Nishimura made a motion that five members of the Council are to be on the committee, and whomever they will want to choose from the residents for advice. The motion has been made and seconded. The five members appointed are James Nishimura, Tsune Baba, Masato Maruyama, Vernon Ichisaka, and Albert Kosakura.

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

James Nishimura made a motion that Council meet twice a week instead of once a week. Have another meeting on Thursday night; if possible, Thursday afternoon. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### ALIENS:

Aliens on the outside are not allowed to come in the WRA centers from today. James Nishimura made a motion that this matter be lifted. Motion was unanimously carried. Write a recommendation to Mr. Ernst.

Meeting Adjourned.

4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

*Special  
Meeting  
and condensed  
form.*

COUNCIL MEETING (SPECIAL)

October 26, 1942

7:30 p.m.

1. Coal Problem:

To help meet the emergency of hauling coal into Topaz, the Councilmen volunteered to haul coal tomorrow, October 27, 1942.

The Block Managers voluntarily hauled coal for the last three days. But since they were busy with their own work, they asked that volunteers be recruited.

It was decided to meet with Dr. Carlisle and ask his cooperation to recruit high school students to help.

Another suggestion was to pull labor from every department to rotate in hauling coal until the emergency is met.

2. Labor Problem:

After discussing the problem of private employment for some time, Mr. Hughes asked that the Council formulate a policy on private employment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 26, 1942  
7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ernest Iiyama. Those present were Harry Konda, Vernon Ichisaka, Albert Kosakura, George Hagiwara, Shinji Yamamoto, Mas Sakakihara, Harry Tawa, John Iwatsu, Dr. George Ochikubo, Paul Fujii, Saiki Muneno, Shiro Shibata, Tsune Baba, Masato Maruyama, and George Hoshide.

LABOR PROBLEM:

MR. CORNWALL:

He believes there is much misunderstanding both in the minds of the people outside and the residents of Topaz. There is quite a task in front of us. We are hurrying in trying to get this city up. In almost every community there is a shortage of labor. The view of the people on the outside is that the people are loafing in this center. A lot of the boys ranging from 17 to 18 years have been released the last week due to school.

MR. HUGHES:

The point that is raised--How far are we going to release people for private employment?

We have got to go as far as we can without handicapping our own functions here. The people on the outside were hoping to get people in this center to work in the harvest fields. We cannot lose the people that are necessary to take care of the function in here. Every able-bodied man should work in here. Make certain that we can take care of our own labor.

MR. JENNINGS:

He presented the problem immediately to the Block Managers and the people in the community and finally got a garbage crew that was just enough to clean up the garbage day by day. Now that garbage crew is going back to school. The group who are able-bodied have gone into private employment. They are out where some of them might achieve the normal life again. There are lot of girls, but they are not qualified to do jobs like these. There are more females in this camp than the males. Jobs like these are on a voluntary basis. That is their privilege.

MR. HUGHES:

Only workers get allowances and clothing unless they are physically unable to do so. A man who has a good work record would have the consideration in private employment. All advantages that can be accrued here in any way whatsoever will go to the workers, the people who have demonstrated their willingness and character by their performance here. Probably messengers can be released. Probably minor clerks can be released. The last place that we can replace our jobs are the women who can replace the men in offices.

The emergency crew that is considered is the crew that is working in winterizing the barracks now.

There are 1700 employable men in our camp. 504 are on the contract for outside work. About 50 are employed in the U. S. Engineers.

JAMES HIRANO:

About 550 who are working on the outside are carrying a big dent in the moral of this camp. That is being shown in the inefficiency of the existing crew. It isn't a question of numbers. It is a question of moral. People are in a bad mental attitude at the present time.

People should not go for outside employment until everything in the center is completed. Then we can volunteer to do the work on the outside. But until we are settled and everything is ready, there should not be any permission for the people to go out for outside employment.

MR. CORNWALL:

The work that the fine young men have done for the Daley Brothers was a fine thing to do and had helped the Daley Brothers a great deal. A few fellows got the break, but it was tough. All of these men who have worked for the Daley Brothers and the U. S. Engineers got the ordinary wages. They were charged \$20 for themselves and \$16 for each dependent. The people who have gone out to outside work have been given this privilege to establish themselves and relocate themselves.

QUESTION:

How many are employed in this agricultural work in the vicinity?

MR. HUGHES:

146 are working, and they are paying 25 cents a meal just for themselves.

The Council will have the power of jurisdiction if a permanent community fund is established.

ALBERT KOSAKURA:

Everyone should get the same pay whether they be garbage men, Block Managers, doctors, etc.

TSUNE BABA:

We will have to face the situation as it is and try to get the solution to the problem. Any job will have to be done on a voluntary basis. In order to do that, we will have to ask some sort of a compromise from the administration.

JAMES HIRANO:

He suggested that we have a labor pool--rotation on all the various workers.

HARRY KONDA:

The Councilmen will be asked to haul the coal for tomorrow.

It is very essential that those of us in able-bodied positions should recognize that the ones in the dirty jobs are contributing

just as much as the ones in the P. T. ratings.

ALBERT KOSAKURA:

He suggested that the Council have the high school children volunteer to haul coal.

MR. HUGHES:

We cannot make any changes until the record survey is done because the only record now is what their last occupation was. People will be assigned to do the job that they are qualified after the record survey is taken.

CHAIRMAN:

Immediate problem of hauling coal tomorrow is solved because the Councilmen will volunteer. Hauling of coal after that--we will have a talk with Dr. Carlisle and see what can be done in getting the school children to haul coal on a voluntary basis. We should have a block meeting to bring the problems to the residents in the blocks. The Councilmen can get the releases for the coal hauling tomorrow from their foremen.

There may be a possibility that people who have P..T. ratings could agree and have the excess amount put in the community trust fund.

The next meeting is Thursday night at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.  
9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

*9th session and  
condensed form*

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 29, 1942  
Ninth Session  
6:50 p.m.

Acting Chairman-----Executive Secretary

Councilmen present were Vernon Ichisaka, Harry Konda, James Hirabayashi, Shinji Yamamoto, Paul Fujii, Harry Tawa, Eiichi Sato, Clarke Harada, Dr. George Ochikubo, John Iwatsu, George Hoshide, Shiro Shibata, Jack Iizuka, Saiki Muneno, Taketoshi Yamamoto, Shinsaku Koyanagi, Tsune Baba, Masato Maruyama, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, Hiroshi Watanabe, and Hachiro Yuasa.

LIONS CLUB DINNER MEETING:

It was reported that the Councilmen who attended the meeting met and talked with the Mayor, County Supervisors, and others. The atmosphere was very friendly. 26 out of 28 members of the club were present.

BARBERS:

In response to the request of the Community Enterprise Division, the Council recommended that parts of laundry rooms 8 and 41 be used as barber shops. Alternate choice is laundry room 32 if possible.

This was done because hot water was necessary for sanitary reasons.

PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT:

To facilitate the process of obtaining work outside, it was recommended that the F. B. I. send a list of those whom they feel are undesirable to be sent out for work; or to have all those who desire to go out and work be investigated immediately.

In this way people could respond to calls for jobs immediately.

COAL PROBLEM:

Because of the pressing need for coal in the City, it was decided to have the head of the coal distribution department come before the Council and speak on this problem.

BASIC CLOTHING:

Dave Tatsuno and Councilman George Hoshide were appointed as committeemen to see the Project Director and recommend that those who did not receive the full amount of their WCCA allowance be given the opportunity to order more winter clothing.

EVACUEE PROPERTY STORED IN THE GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSES:

A letter is to be sent to the Project Director asking for a clarification on whether all the properties stored in government warehouses are to be sent out to the relocation centers regardless of the requests of the evacuees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING  
October 29, 1942  
Ninth Session  
6:50 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ernest Iiyama. Councilmen present were Vernon Ichisaka, Harry Konda, James Hirabayashi, Shinji Yamamoto, Paul Fujii, Harry Tawa, Eiichi Sato, Clarke Harada, Dr. George Ochikubo, John Iwatsu, George Hoshida, Shiro Shibata, Jack Iizuka, Saiki Muneno, Taketoshi Yamamoto, Shinsaku Koyanagi, Tsune Baba, Masato Maruyama, George Hagiwara, Iwao Shimizu, Hiroshi Watanabe, and Hachiro Yuasa. Those absent were Albert Kosakura, Kay Nishida, Mas Sakakihara, James Nishimura, and George Ikeda.

LYON'S CLUB DINNER: (Masato Maruyama)

Members that went to the Lyon's Club dinner were Ernest Iiyama, James Nishimura, Masato Maruyama, and Vernon Ichisaka with Mr. and Mrs. Watson. Twenty-six members from the club were there. The location was the high school. It was a successful turnout. The members of the Council met the Mayor, County Supervisors, and all the big shots of the town. People were well-dressed and very distinguished-looking. The members of the Council gave them a formal invitation on this coming Wednesday night. They hope to make it a big event.

The program for Wednesday night will be reported on Monday afternoon when the Council meets. Members are asked to wear suits and ties. Professor and Mrs. Obata will also be invited. Professor Obata will give demonstrations on art, and Mrs. Obata will give different demonstrations on flower arrangements. Mr. Kay Tsukamoto will represent the American Legion to present the flag. Lot of entertainment are intended to be given.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: (Ernest Iiyama)

The Chairman with the Secretary went from classroom to classroom trying to get volunteer help from the high school boys. As soon as nineteen boys signed up, it was enough, and a general assembly was to be held the next day. The nineteen boys did go out the next morning to haul coal, but coal was not in Delta so they were to be called out that afternoon.

MR. OWENS:

He would like to come to our meeting next Monday and explain some of the means for preventing fire. Send a letter to him that he can come.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE PROBLEM: (Paul Fujii)

Barbers have no water facilities where they are now. They would like to use parts of the laundry rooms. (Two laundry rooms.) They need space for six barbers. They would like to get sanitary facilities for prevention of disease.

Motion has been moved and seconded that the Council recommend the use of the portions of two laundry rooms in Blocks 8 and 41; if not, possibly Block 32 pending the approval of the Block Managers in those particular blocks. The motion was unanimously carried.

ALIENS WORKING INSIDE: (George Hagiwara)

A motion was made that the Council make a recommendation to the Administration that they either make a survey of outside alien workers prior to their employment so that they could clear their assets through this camp as readily as possible. When jobs do come, they can go out immediately. Ask F.B.I. to give names of those who shouldn't go out. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

JUDICIARY COMMISSION: (James Hirano)

They were asked to serve on a temporary Judiciary Commission. They held their first session on the afternoon of October 10 at 2:00 p.m. Kanio Assault Case was the case that came upon the Commission at that time. The report was submitted by Captain Takagi and Lieutenant Yasuda and Mr. Fridley. Last night they had their second session and discussed many things of the organization of their body. The minutes of the sessions are always open for the Council to look up at any time. Reports at the Council meetings will be given by each one of the members on the Commission in rotation.

Decision: Commission feels that in view of the seriousness of this case, they recommended this case to the higher courts under the state law of Utah. They further recommended that justice may be expedited.

COAL PROBLEM: (Dr. George Ochikubo)

He'd like to know why other blocks get more coal--why the coal is not distributed equally.

James Hirano, Block Manager, said twelve blocks were serviced last night and this morning, leaving about twenty-one blocks to be serviced today. Ten blocks got full loads of coal. When they came down to the eleventh block, the coal went to pieces. Eleven tons of coal that were left were borrowed coal and had to be returned. Every block would have been serviced today if those eleven tons of coal were not returned. Fifty tons of coal are expected everyday for emergency.

James Hirano suggested to have a committee look up on this problem.

Hachiro Yuasa suggested that the Council have the responsible men meet with us at our meeting and try to iron things out that way. Have the head of the coal distribution department come down and speak to us on Monday afternoon.

FOOD PROBLEM: (Food Committee)

Mr. Watson would like to have seven more people on the payroll; for instance, assistant stewards and accountants and also people to do the cooking. Mr. Watson and also Mr. Ernst suggested that we have an accountant.

Power of committee: How far can it go?

According to WRA regulations, every committee of the body is a function of that body, but a larger body, that is the Council, has the power of the amendment. To find the facts, the committee can do whatever they want; but in order to give recommendations, they have to submit the recommendations to the Council for approval.

The names submitted by the Committee to the Council for accountants and coordinators to help out on the Committee were:

- 1) James Watanabe--Accountant
- 2) Mr. Kanazawa--Accountant
- 3) Mr. Fujii--Accountant
- 4) Dr. Wehara--Coordinator

Masato Maruyama made a motion that we accept the above four men.

The Council recommends that these men be put on for investigation, and if Mr. Watson wishes to keep these men and put them on the payroll, he is free to do so. It is up to him.

#### NEWSPAPER:

Iwao Kawakami would like to know whether any resident can attend Council meetings which would include the press members.

Tsune Baba made a motion that press members can attend the Council meetings; however, anything to be published ~~has to be~~ approved by the Executive Secretary before it is put into the press. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### BASIC CLOTHING:

Is there any investigation conducted as to the basic clothing which were to be issued in Tanforan?

They have written to both the WRA and the WCCA, but they have received no answer as yet. They have written twice so far--both informal letters. In this letter, the Basic Clothing Department requested if they could take up this matter about the balance still owing to the residents of Tanforan. Instructions were issued by Mr. Greene that all clothing to give to residents were immediate requirements only. A certain allowance was set up at that time up to the end of July.

George Hoshide who is connected with basic clothing said that the superior office has just concluded in business here for the time being and left for San Francisco today. Mr. Hoshide would like to recommend that we write a letter or send a committee to Mr. Ernst and officially ask for his office to take up this matter. He understands all other camps have received full allowances up to the end of September.

Clarke Harada suggested to appoint Mr. Dave Tatsuno to take up this matter since he is directly connected with the basic clothing. He made a motion to appointed Mr. Tatsuno to take up this matter. Shinji Yamamoto would like to add Mr. George Hoshide and the two men can work as a committee to contact Mr. Ernst and see if the residents can get the full allowances. The committee is entitled to get any other help if they wish to do so. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### BOOKS TAKEN AT TANFORAN:

Victor Abe has written a letter to the Attorney General in regards to this but have not received an answer yet. If there are any question, the Council can contact Mr. Guy Uyama who has been appointed by Mr. Fridley to distribute the books--some of which are already here. Mr. Uyama may know something about this.

STORAGE IN GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSES:

Send a letter to the Administration asking for clarification on things coming in from Government warehouses.

AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- 1) Insurance--personal effects and belongings in here--Tsune Baba.
- 2) About the agent from Washington, D. C.--whether we should have him as a representative or have representatives from our community.
- 3) Co-op Setup.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Monday afternoon from 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.

9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

10th session and condensed form

COUNCIL MEETING  
November 2, 1942  
Tenth Session  
1:30 p.m.

Acting Chairman-----Executive Secretary

Councilmen present were Dr. Carl Hirota, Vernon Ichisaka, Hachiro Yuasa, Harry Konda, Mas Sakakihara, Shinji Yamamoto, Paul Fujii, Harry Tawa, Eiichi Sato, Clarke Harada, Dr. George Ochikubo, George Hoshide, Shiro Shibata, Jack Iizuka, Saiki Muneno, James Nishimura, Tsune Baba, Masato Maruyama, George Hagiwara, and George Ikeda.

PROJECT ATTORNEY:

The Project Attorney, Mr. O'Brien was introduced to the Council by Mr. Lorne Bell.

Mr. O'Brien is also the Project Attorney of Minidoka.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Acting upon the suggestion by Mr. Lorne Bell, the Council appointed a committee to serve as a Committee on Committee Structures for the Community Service Division. The Committeemen are Masato Maruyama, Chairman, Hachiro Yuasa, and Dr. George Ochikubo.

COMMUNITY TRUST FUND:

Mr. O'Brien pointed out that the temporary Council was the body set up to formulate the machinery for a permanent Council, and that this problem should be taken up in the Constitution or the permanent Council.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The Administrative Fire Protection Officer, Mr. Owen, presented the hazards of fire in this City and also the tragedy of the possible loss of irreplaceable personal property as well as the lives of some of the residents. He asked that all residents participate in the Fire Prevention Week which will be climaxed by the dedication of the new fire house, next Saturday, November 7, 1942 at 2:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

The Council decided to sponsor a City-wide Service in memory of a Nisei soldier who passed away while in training.

Plans for the Ceremony were submitted and accepted.

STREET NAMES:

Plans for naming the streets of Topaz were submitted to the Council for approval by the Landscape Committee and were accepted. Streets running north and south were named after trees and shrubbery. Avenues running east and west were named after stones.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Iiyama,  
Executive Secretary

COUNCIL MEETING  
November 2, 1942  
Tenth Session  
1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the regular Chairman, Dr. Carl Hirota. Councilmen present were Vernon Ichisaka, Hachiro Yuasa, Ernest Iiyama, Harry Konda, Mas Sakakihara, Shinji Yamamoto, Paul Fujii, Harry Tawa, Eiichi Sato, Clarke Harada, Dr. George Ochikubo, George Hoshide, Shiro Shibata, Jack Iizuka, Saiki Muneno, James Nishimura, Tsune Baba, Masato Maruyama, George Hagiwara, and George Ikeda. Councilmen absent were Albert Kosakura, Kay Nishida, James Hirabayashi, John Iwatsu, Taketoshi Yamamoto, Shinsaku Koyanagi, Iwao Shimizu, and Hiroshi Watanabe.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read by the Secretary and accepted. The Chairmanship was turned over to the temporary Chairman, Ernest Iiyama to carry on the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Use of laundry rooms for barbers.
- 2) Problem of private employment for aliens.
- 3) Clarification of goods stored in government warehouses.

From Mr. Watson on November 4: Meeting of dining hall management. Have several representatives at the meeting which is at Dining Hall #10 at 7:30 p.m. The committee on food is to attend.

Thank you letter from Mr. Ernst on the diet kitchen problem.

Mr. Ernst requests that all matters dealing with medical affair be brought up to Dr. Ramsey directly.

Clarke Harada brought up a problem about Dr. Ramsey himself so a motion was made that the Council delegate the committee to represent the Council and present this form to Mr. Ernst. Motion has been seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Bell's letter requesting the Council to discuss the following two points:

- 1) Community Council and Topaz Times.
- 2) Community Services Division.

MR. BELL:

Introduction of Mr. Obrien, who will be our Project Attorney.

In regards to the two discussions in his letter to the Council:  
1) Community Council and Topaz Times: The Judiciary Commission felt that the question as to whether brief terse statements as to the Judiciary Commission being published in the Topaz Times would be a matter of policy of this Council to handle. The reason as follows: 1) May be a crime wave. Law in order is operative here. One report was held by the

Administration pending the action by the Councilmen.

2) Community Services Division: Needs the advice and counsel of matured, interested, intelligent lay committees here in Topaz. Request still stands, but he suggests a formation of a very small committee, maybe one or two from the Council and three residents to sit and stand with the Administrative committee. Sometime this week the Administrative staff would like to sit down with the committee that the Council might set up. Set up the White House Conference Committee.

3) Mr. MacIntyre, Regional Personal Employer, is here for two days. If three or four members meet with him about overhaul labor planning, ~~his~~ resource is very helpful. Have labor committee meet with Mr. MacIntyre.

4) Regarding the Constitution Committee: Mr. O'Brien has had experience in Minidoka. Committee can ask Mr. O'Brien for advice. He is in a position also to be of considerable help to new committees; for instance, committee on Community Trust Fund.

Mr. Bell would like to pay a compliment to the Council on some of the appointments the Council is making on some of the fact-finding committees. In closing, he would like to thank the Council for the note he received to be able to attend the Council meetings.

#### AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

System of making announcements in dining halls is completely unsatisfactory and poor. Council might write to Mr. Ernst about it.

#### PROBLEMS:

1) Whether terse statements should be put into the Topaz Times or not. James Nishimura suggested that the moment the Constitution is formed and their duties will be defined and the Judiciary Commission should be functioning in order, without the consent of the Council, that type of publication would be subject to the digression of the Council.

Shinji Yamamoto disagrees and said we should give the report to the residents as the way it was taken up.

Mr. O'Brien said the general rule on that type on the outside is any hearing of that kind is published with exceptional ones in juvenile cases. Discussion of Judiciary Commission is subject to reveal to the Project Director.

Shinji Yamamoto made a motion that we adopt the policy of publicizing all cases aside from the juvenile cases after it has been reviewed by the Project Director and those that would leave to the digression of the Judiciary Commission. If they see that it should not be publicized, it is within their power. Make the juvenile cases from 15 years.

In regards to Mr. Bell's suggestion, James Nishimura made a motion that the Council will appoint three from the Council group and two from the resident group to form a committee and serve as a Community Services Division. The motion has been seconded and unanimously carried. The three Councilmen appointed were Masato Maruyama to act as Chairman, Hachiro Yuasa, and Dr. George Ochikubo. The committee will appoint the residents.

#### EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:

Educational committee of Kay Nishida and Albert Kosakura meet with Dr. Carlisle. Tsune Baba would like to suggest Saiki Muneno's name on this committee. Meet Dr. Carlisle on Wednesday.

#### COMMUNITY TRUST FUND:

Mr. O'Brien: Set up a committee and perhaps the committee can meet with him, and he can give a few points relative to this. Council should set up the regular government as soon as possible. Get the new constitution to the people as soon as we can.

Put taxation on those who work outside to be put in the fund. WRA wages should exist in here.

MR. OWEN--FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: *gave some points on fire prevention.*

He is the Administrative Fire Protection Officer. He would like to discuss about the fire prevention. Fire Chief during Fire Prevention Week usually comes before the Council. The Fire Department is doing good work and increasing in ability. It is up to them to detect as much as they can to prevent fire that may exist here. Fire is one of the greatest menaces that we have to deal with throughout the United States at the present time. United States as a country is being in the front in fire losses. During years from 1930 to 1939, we have had 600,000 fires in the United States. \$1,000,000,000 of loss yearly in fire. At this particular place and time, we ought to bear always that the destruction of our building can become a tragedy. It becomes a duty upon the part of every resident to exercise that portion of a patriotic duty to do all they possibly can to prevent fire. They have a fire chief and an assistant and an inspection bureau. The Fire Department is a part of the Community Government and depend on the Community Government. They are going to come to the Council from time to time and present the problems so that the Council can help them establish these problems. They are having on this coming Saturday the climax of the Fire Prevention Week which will be the dedication of the new fire department. At the conclusion of the dedication there is to be a demonstration; first, the demonstration of a fire department and then the type of work they do. He hopes all the residents can be there and also the Councilmen and see that they can present a good program.

Note: Tsune Baba believes the Administration <sup>would like to ask</sup> <sup>who</sup> should be responsible for some of the losses that may occur to the residents' homes in case there is a fire. Direct a letter to Mr. Ernst about this matter.

The Chairman will represent the Council at this dedication and act as the Chairman of the Fire Prevention Week. Details will be left up to the Chairman. (Sending out invitations, etc.) Mr. Toshio Yoshida was appointed to make the Japanese speech.

#### CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

The following members are on the committee: Tsune Baba, Albert Kosakura, Masato Maruyama, James Nishimura, and Vernon Ichisaka.

They gave the report of the first meeting of the Constitution Committee of the City of Topaz.

The Consitution Committee make arrangements with Mr. O'Brien to meet with him. Council make a request to Mr. Ernst to this effect. The committee will meet with Mr. O'Brien tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

In accordance to Mr. Bell's suggestion to have Isseis on the committee, have the constitution all finished and have the committee of Isseis look the thing over. These Isseis will act as liaison between the Council and the Issei residents. Isseis picked were D. T. Uchida, Koshi Suzuki, K. Nakajima, Mr. Iino, Mr. Kito, James Hirano, Mr. Suwada, Mr. Morozumi, and H. Ikeda.

#### PROBLEM OF LABOR:

James Nishimura gave the following names to sit in with the Council pertaining to the labor problem: Tobie Ogawa, Ed Kito, James Hirano, Tomeichi Sakai, Mr. Yoshinaga, George Shimamoto, and D. T. Uchida.

Last night the Labor committee got together. They were called on Saturday morning to Mr. Hughes's office. They needed 40 men to go to Millard County for sugar beet work. Within twenty minutes there were 40 men that they could send out on Monday. Different department heads sent off the boys. As far as emergency work is concerned, the department heads can get them.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE: FOR DECEASED SOLDIER--

Friday afternoon the funeral service was held in the Minnesota camp. Plan to have a memorial service here on a camp-wide basis. They had a talk with the members of the American Legion here and Mr. Yamashita of the Community Welfare. Tentative plan is to have an escort go out to Delta when the ashes arrive. Ashes can be brought home and that night the family can have their own service. Have the guards, American Legion, and also the Council participate. The location of the memorial service is planned either on the high school ground or under the flag pole. Service set for Wednesday afternoon, 2:00 p.m. The urn is coming in sometime Tuesday.

Dr. Hirota suggested to have an organization for parents of American soldiers, and programs can be set up by this committee.

Tsune Baba made a motion that we go ahead with the plans on holding a city-wide memorial service. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

#### INVITATION TO DELTA LYON'S CLUB:

Reception committee of James Nishimura, Clarke Harada, Masato Maruyama, and the Chairman of the Council, Dr. Carl Hirota are to greet them. A chairman and a speaker are needed so the Chairman of the committee will be the Chairman, and the Chairman of the Council (the Mayor) will be the speaker.

AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- 1) Ray Kaneko to come to the next meeting. Send letter to him.
- 2) Elect representatives to meet with Dillon S. Myer in Denver once a month.
- 3) Policy in private employment.
- 4) Storage back home aside from storage in government warehouses.
- 5) Shoe repairing problem--try to get WRA or Army to get equipment for shoe repairing.

STREET NAMES:

Shinji Yamamoto submitted the names of the streets. Streets running north and south were named after trees and shrubbery. Streets running east and west were named after stones.

Hachiro Yuasa made a motion that the Council accept the plans submitted by the landscaping committee on renaming the streets. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.  
5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING WITH MR. O'BRIEN

November 3, 1942

1:30 p.m.

This meeting was called to get advice and suggestions from our Project Attorney, Mr. O'Brien.

Those present were James Nishimura, Mike Maruyama, Tsune Baba, Vernon Ichisaka, Shozo Tsuchida, and Yoshio Katayama on the Committee. Others present were Mr. O'Brien, Bob Iki, and Victor Abe. Mr. Bell was at the meeting the first hour.

In reference to the report of the first meeting of the Constitution Committee:

I and II relative to the Constitution Committee could be left out and III and IV can be substituted, for there is no essential difference between them. There isn't any essential difference between by-laws and city ordinance except that city ordinance is peculiar to the city inasmuch as it is an official body. The word ordinance is usually applied to acceptance of an official body.

COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGEMENT:

The Council is elected by the people and can be removed only by the people and is the same type of body as the Legislature. They are headed by the Mayor who is the Executive Officer.

Under the City Management, the Council is abolished, or there is a Council who has no power at all.

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioners are elected in two ways:

- 1) By the people
- 2) A council is elected whose only job is to elect the Commissioners.

Note: Since Isseis are not on an elective basis, the only way we can elect them is by an appointive basis.

Commissioners will represent the people. A City Commissioner is a person about the same as a Councilman. City Council is the representative body; whereas, the City Manager and Commissioner will be the Administrative officers.

The Constitution Committee is trying to get the Commissioners to be put on the payroll.

Mr. Bell's suggestion: Elect 7,8, or 9 Councilmen, and put them on the payroll, and they could put their full-time hours in this work.

### Minidoka's Plan:

Elect Council of seven men, and the Council in turn will appoint an advisory board of seven Isseis to sit in with them. They proposed to fill in their commissions.

Masato Maruyama's idea is sooner or later the Isseis will have the feeling that through the age and experience, they have the dominating power if such a plan is carried.

The Coop in Manzanar has eight Niseis and seven Isseis on the committee in the same form.

### CITY CHARTER:

A city charter is to provide for a government of a city in three respects:

- 1) Help ' \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Safety ' \_\_\_\_\_ of the people
- 3) Moral ' \_\_\_\_\_

The rest of the charter is machinery. In the machinery the City Councilmen appoint appropriate committees to carry out the functions of this charter. The Council may or shall enact such opinions as it may see fit to carry this out. The Council may or shall adopt a code of criminal procedure.

Mr. O'Brien's suggestion is to deal with the city charter first; then submit it to the Council; upon its approval, submit it to the Project Director; upon his approval, submit it to the people. He believes the committee is more or less sort of overstepping the organizations of the committee.

### City Charter in form of Constitution:

- 1) Start out with the preamble of the Constitution.
- 2) The three departments:
  - 1) Legislative (Council)
  - 2) Judicial (Appointed by the Council)
  - 3) Executive (Mayor or City Manager)

City Council shall have the power to appoint such committees as they see fit. Council may or shall adopt rules for procedures.

Mr. O'Brien recommends that the representatives be small in number. His remarks direct only to the charter are as follows pertaining to the report of the Council:

He suggested not to write religion under the charter. Education is generally provided for but not the library. Education is compulsory to law. Recreation is a question whether it should be in the charter or not. Community Enterprise should not be in the charter. Have joint commission of Police Department and Fire Department. Food should not be in the charter. City Planning should be in. Utility should be in the charter, but change the title to Public Utilities. Transportation and communication should

not be in; neither Maintenance and Operation or Warehouse. Finance could be in; likewise the Appropriation Committee.. Also Social Welfare could be in the charter and the Judiciary Commission. Publication and Information are not needed because the Topaz Times will take care of that. No need for Industry Banking. Agriculture could be in. Leave out Food.

#### JUDICIARY COMMISSION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION:

The Judiciary Commission is a court, appointed by the Council. The Judiciary Committee is of the Council which will also aid the Council. Judiciary Commission and Arbitration Commission are courts whereas others are committees. Judiciary Commission is a Criminal Court and Arbitration Commission is a Civil Court. Both should be defined in the charter. The Judiciary Commission should be a small group whereas the Arbitration Commission should be a larger group. Section no. 34 states that if the Judiciary Commission is elected by the people, it must be Niseis.

#### CRIMINAL LAW IN THE CENTER:

Judiciary Commission shall not handle felony cases. United States of America has not assumed exclusive jurisdiction over this project.

Difference between felony and misdemeanor: Felony can put a person in the state prison whereas misdemeanor cannot. Larsening is stealing and in the State of Utah, \$50 stolen is a misdemeanor, and \$51 is a felony.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE:

Form a subcommittee of three members who can devote a lot of time to make the city charter. Members appointed were Shozo Tsuchida, James Nishimura, and Vernon Ichisaka.

#### REMARKS ON PAGE 6:

- 1) City Manager--Depends on type of government we are going to have.
- 2) City Recorder--Clear with Administration.
- 3) Registrar of Resident voters--Under City Clerk.
- 4) City Treasurer--Have in charter.
- 5) Prosecuting Attorney--Not necessary.
- 6) City Attorney--Not necessary.
- 7) City Prison Warden--Leave out. Internal Security will handle it.
- 8) 9 or 10 Paid Commissioners--Depends on type of government we are going to have.

By all means, provide for a Clerk and a Treasurer.

The Council will do the setting up. The City Management will carry on the operations.

The subcommittee will meet at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Council chambers.

Meeting Adjourned.  
4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chiyo Fujino