

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FIFTH SESSION
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

March 7, 1945
Wednesday

Conference Room
10:20 a.m.--11:45 a.m.

The first Round Table of the Fourth Community Council was called to order by M. Hayashida, chairman.

In attendance were Mr. Guy Robertson, Project Director; Mr. M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director; Miss A. Kell, Social Welfare; Dr. A. T. Hansen, Community Analyst; Mr. S. Nagata, Assistant Community Analyst; Kaz Harita and George Tani, Block Managers' Representatives; C. A. Representatives, Mr. Dave Yamakawa, Assistant C. A. Supervisor and Ed Morihoro, head of the Technical Department and the Council.

Topics for discussion were:

- A. Restricting of "shi bais" and Japanese films in this center.
- B. Clothing Allowances and P. A. Grants.

Mr. Robertson informed the Council that the cancelling of the "shi bais" and the showing of Japanese films through the facilities of the Community Activities Department was intended to discourage things contributing to the Japanese influence and to encourage Americanism, this center being an American institution and not an internment camp for Japanese.

Mr. Hayashida, Chairman, appealed to Mr. Robertson in behalf of the Issei residents in Heart Mountain to permit the continuance of the "shi bais" and Japanese shows for the benefit and entertainment of those Isseis who do not read or understand English, as it is the only type of enjoyment which they understood that they have had since evacuation. He stated this would not affect the youth for only a handful of youngsters attend these shows and these movies have passed strict examination of the Army and do not show anything which will hinder the process of Americanization of the Nisei. Mr. Robertson stated that he would uphold his decision in order to promote Americanism and discourage the promotion of the Japanese language and ideas within the Center. He advised that the Council could appeal his decision to the Director of WRA.

G. Nakaki suggested that letters be written to the other centers to determine their practice pertaining to this matter. He also stated that a letter of appeal be written to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, if necessary. This was approved by the Council.

The Council asked Miss Kell to explain the clothing allowances policy which affects the older persons in requiring a physical examination and a statement by the principle Medical Officer concerning employability. Miss Kell explained that the reason they must get the signature of a Principle Medical officer was that she must have the official statement of the head of the health department. She explained the necessity of physical examination because many people have relocated and project jobs are now available for employable old people. Children who are in school are considered to be in the dependant class. The older folks who the doctor said can work will be furnished work. Their assignment based on qualification left to the judgement of the employment department. She advised that Public Assistant grants will not be given to people who have enough money to provide for their needs.

The meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m.

S. Kurasaki