

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

March 21, 1945

Wednesday

Conference Room
10:10 a.m.--11:40 a.m.

The Second Round Table Conference of the Fourth Community Council was called to order by Mr. Kawashida, Chairman. In attendance were: Mr. Guy Robertson, Project Director; Mr. V. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director; Mr. Joe Carroll, Relocation Program Officer; Dr. A. T. Hansen, Community Analyst; Reverend Yamamoto and Reverend Kitagawa.

Topics for Discussion were:

- A. Relocation
- B. Victory Garden (closing of)

Mr. Joe Carroll stated that since last March interviews were taken by the Social Welfare and Relocation Office. These interviews were made to help the evacuees formulate a plan for relocation. These plans are sent to the Community in which the evacuee plans to relocate.

The following, starting March 1, 1944, are the number of families who had had an interview and made application or plans for resettlement in outside community.

March.....	8 families	
April.....	12 "	
May.....	25 "	
June.....	23 "	
July.....	108 "	
August.....	134 "	
September.....	119 "	145 people
October.....	77 "	279 "
November.....	153 "	193 "
December.....	119 "	414 "
January.....	196 "	260 "
February.....	221 "	594 "

In March this year from the 1st to the 15th, 130 families have made plans comprising approximately 200 people represented.

Mr. Carroll also explained to the Council why the 10 men who worked in the WFA camps did not get their pay and why they were terminated. However, the case is now pending and is being settled in Washington.

Mr. Carroll informed the Council that Heart Mountain ranked second in number relocated; Minidoka is first. 4 and 4/10 of the population here has relocated. The most serious problem is the housing situation. Mr. Robertson stated that he has written to Mr. Myer to see if relocates should use WRA bedding and etc. in temporary hospitals until available housing can be secured. He also stated that if 10 more persons are leaving the camp at one time, giving to the same destination, a special car can be chartered.

The Council asked Mr. Carrill whether men will leave this center for seasonal jobs or be called to work in Defense plants when these jobs are finished. Mr. Carrill indicated that it was true. The War Manpower Commission has the power to do so. They are in charge of the whole employment situation and will regulate employment all over the United States. They control all types of work and employment regardless of age. But, the War Manpower Commission will clear for jobs depending on the persons skill, talents, and physical requirements.

Mr. Roberts informed the Council that the C. A. will sponsor Japanese pictures. However, films are to be censored by the C. A. Department.

Victory Garden.

Mr. Robertson advised that the victory garden plot must be returned to the Reclamation Bureau with a cover crop. The retaining of garden will be impossible due to the fact that the water is not available. It will be too expensive to open fire hydrants to irrigate the gardens. He explained that Poston and Gila had the agricultural program because they can finish their program by June 30th, and it is impossible for us to finish such a program by that time.

Rev. Dr. Hitagawa and Reverend Matsunaga were introduced to the Council. Reverend Matsunaga express his interest in hostels in the West Coast. Reverend Hitagawa informed the Council of the many opportunities in Minneapolis and St. Paul. He stated that there were good employment and very few racial discrimination. He also stated the housing problem there was critical.

The meeting was adjourned 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kurasaki