

Nov. 4, 1942
Wednesday

At Administration Building 10:30 A.M.

Nov. 5-42

4 Absentees: Messrs. Iwasaki, Tsunishi, Kawahara, Hayashida, Yoshihashi, and Ishikawa. Mr. Hayashida's absence was due to counting ballots.

1. Dr. Nakagi and the committee of the Judicial Commission expressed willingness to cooperate or assist the Council in settling the controversy in the Police Dept., and stressed immediate initiation for the solution thereof.

Mr. Nagano, acting chairman of the Council, requested the Committee of the Judicial Commission to convey the Council's resolutions of:

1. Council's initiation on the solution of issue by means of mediation.
2. Request for assistance and cooperation in the Council's effort in event of necessity consented by the council from the Judicial Body.
3. Immediate relay of the outcome or result of the Council's negotiation pertaining to the mediation of the controversy by means of a Contact Committee to be appointed by the Council for this purpose.

The above resolutions had been approved by the Council prior to conveying to the Judicial Committee:

2. Mr. Robertson disclosed following facts regarding the Repatriation problem:

1. No knowledge on the part concerned as to sources of information of 85 persons requesting repatriation.
2. No knowledge on the part concerned as to reason for issuing a questionnaire (on the part concerned as to reason for issuing) which asks whether or not repatriation requested by those whose names are in the list.
3. No prosecution would be based on the questionnaire.
4. Sometimes questionnaires requested as the result of request by the Japanese Government for various reasons such as legacy or domestic reasons.

3. Mr. Okasaki proposed to suggest a peace commission with a written permission from Mr. Machford beginning from 11/4.

4. Mr. Tsunokai reported that in complying with the Council's request for full cooperation by a committee of B.A.O. to solve the police problems jointly the B.A.O. offered their agreement to the proposal.

5. Mr. Kaneko proposed to suggest Mr. Griffin to reinstate the ex-members of the Police Dept. under him unconditionally just as the status existed prior to such controversy after obtaining Mr. Machford's permission for the Council to set up steps for the solution of the controversy. Mr. Koide reported that Mr. Machford had agreed on Council's taking up responsibility in solving the controversy.

(At Mr. Machford's office: 11:30 A.M. Messrs. Robertson and Barber attended with the Council)

Mr. Machford said:

"We'd carry on as the matter stands as present until the permanent Council is duly elected. Then engage in the reorganization of a permanent Police Dept. If the present method is

not working out, I'd like to hear your opinion."

7. Mr. Koide and Mr. Fujimoto supplementing the former expressed desire for Mr. Rachford's assistance in an effort to solve the unhealthy situation created by remedying the controversy as well as the controversy itself and offered opinion that such condition could be eradicated if both Mr. Griffin and the former members of the Police Force would reach to a point where restoration of normal status such as existed prior to such controversy is desired and accepted. (Messrs. Tomo, Yamamoto, Nishizu of B.A.C. entered at 11:40 A.M.) Mr. Rachford expressed that he is all for mediation. He explained that there are two sides to controversy. Generally Mediation Board listens to both sides and comes to proposal which both sides accept. In this case, he expects that two sides have their opinion well crystallized and must be ready to present to the Mediation Board as to the request of the Council to take over such Board, Mr. Rachford asked Mr. Barber's opinion but before Mr. Barber had a chance to utter a word, Mr. Griffin came in (11:50 A.M.)
8. Messrs. Nagumo and Koide respectively explained to Mr. Griffin the Council's intention as well as the B.A.C.'s to serve as a Mediator on a condition that Mr. Griffin unconditionally reinstate the former members of the Police Dept. under his authority, provided the said reinstatement shall be done upon the recognition and restoration of status such as existed prior to the controversy. Mr. Rachford agreed that he is greatly in favor of mediation of controversy requested by the joint committees of the Council and the B.A.C. He explained that what is behind of proposal is the continuation of Mr. Griffin as Chief of Police with restoration of original Police Force until such a time as we have our Charter and our newly elected Council completed, on condition that the original Police Force resume police protection an exactly the same way as before the controversy was brought about.
9. Mr. Griffin answered:

"There are certain individuals among the ex-members of the Police Dept. over whom I must refuse to exercise authority or give direction to in a police capacity for as much as a single moment. He named following persons as being discharged on charges of complete insubordination: Messrs. Matsui, Shintechi, and Ozeki. As the reason to objection to reinstatement of above mentioned persons he gave the maintenance of sound Police Administration. He asserted that he kept himself available for any ex-members who were willing to run risk against threat and was ready to provide security within his power and capacity, but they could not return to duty on account of threat of physical injury to them by the other former Police members.
10. Mr. Tomo contended that there must be definite relationship between the said three persons discharged and the whole members of the Force who tendered resignation; hence, the whole membership must have a right to voice their saying on presentation; as to the last clause Mr. Rachford said it it true.
11. Mr. Koide insisted that the mediation was proposed for the sole

purpose of resuming healthy conditions in the community as well as in the Police Dept. He explained the course of event to date as far as the Council's activity is concerned:

1. Unofficial report by Mr. Machford on 10/31 meeting.
2. Submission of request for Emergency Police Force during registration, election and Halloween.
3. Approval by joint signatures of Messrs. Robertson and Barber on creating a protection committee under authority of the Council.
4. Proposal of Mediation made for the first time by the Council and B.A.O. this morning (11-4-42) that reinstatement of original Police Force under Mr. Griffin until reorganization of permanent Police Force under charter and that resumption of Police protection in exactly the same way as before the controversy had come about.

12. Mr. Griffin:

"As long as I am Chief of Internal Security, I will not approve of allowing certain ex-members of Police Dept. to exercise or pretend to exercise police power for as much as a single moment, and will use all of the such power or influence that I may have to prevent the exercise of the police power by the certain individuals to take responsibility.

13. Mr. Machford expressed his regret that the point had reached where he was not willing:

"I am willing to take responsibility and shall give decision at 1:00 P.M., Thursday, November 5, 1942.

14. Mr. Koide requested Mr. Griffin's understanding with respect to the fact that it was not the intention of the Council, had the same known it was detrimental to the Police Administration to resume discharged members of the Police Force to the duty as the Temporary Protection Committee. Mr. Griffin nodded in sign of approval.

15. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.