

January 18, 1948
Saturday

At Conference Room
BLOCK CHAIRMEN'S MEETING

At 9:30 A.M.

Absentee: Mr. Hayashida.

1. Food Rationing:

Mr. Tom Sashihara, of the Advisory Board of the Community Enterprises, informed that food rationing on dry goods, dried fruits, and frozen vegetables will be effected as of February 1, 1948 and requested Block Chairmen to submit a petition, requesting a consideration on the extent of rationing to be applied to residents as they are in a different circumstance such peculiar from any community outside. He further informed that ration on clothings may become effective sometime in May, this year. As the reasons for the petition following facts were presented: Supplementary nutrition for growing children; special diet for convalescents and aged; supplementary food for pregnant, diabetic, and other malnourished patients; additional varieties of foods for individuals other than fed at the mess halls; inadequacy of obtaining non-rationed foods at the community stores and enormous demands for will-be-rationed foods as shown by the figures of sales exceeding \$10,000 a month.

2. Hall Lights

Mr. Oka proposed to install a hall light in every entrance of a barrack. Passed.

3. Emergency Fire Exit:

The Carpenter Club requested the Council to push the proposal of providing in every apartment an emergency fire exit, 40" x 80" latch. Passed for an agenda.

4. Increase in Ambulance:

Proposal by Mr. Gorai for an increase of ambulance passed.

5. Transportations:

Mr. Lane, Transportation division
The Council decided to invite/at the Thursday's, January 21st meeting to explain transportation conditions.

6. Installation of 3/4 inch pipe to Fire Hose:

Mr. Gorai proposed speed-up installation of 3/4" pipe to be connected to fire hose in laundry room. Passed.

7. BAO, or Block Manager?

Mr. Tsunokai informed that according to the knowledge of Mr. Robertson BAO has not been called Block Manager as yet.

8. Proposals by Mr. Tsunokai:

- a. Release of radios and cameras confiscated by the FBI and Police prior to evacuation
- b. Release for the use of center residents of non-propaganda Japanese motion-picture films from Washington, D.C.
- c. Establishment of a junior kitchen
- d. Who and where and how the milk is tested for grade and pasteurization before entering the project?

All proposals passed.

9. Joint Meeting of BAO, Council, and Press Board:

Mr. Koide announced that joint meeting of BAO, Block Chairmen and the representative from The Sentinel will be held Tuesday, January 19, on problems of JACL, press and internal.

10. Mess Problem:

Mr. Miwa, Block 1B steward, requested Block Chairmen to make an investigation on restriction put upon food supplies since Mr. Best, former Chief Steward at Poston, was hired as Assistant Chief Steward to Mr. Haller. The Council decided to have Mr. Best explain the food supply situations at the Thursday meeting.

11. Petition by Community Enterprises:

Mr. Fujimoto reported that a petition will be prepared by the Community Enterprises to request WRA for the payment of wages, rents, and workers' clothing allowances instead of by the Community Enterprises.

12. Introduction--New Fire Department Chief:

Mr. Barber introduced Mr. Mason, a newly appointed Chief of the Fire Department to Block Chairmen.

13. Speed-Up Establishment of Barber Shops:

1. Mr. G. T. Ishikawa (25) proposed to speed up the establishment of barber shops and beauty shops as officially proposed by Mr. Todd. Passed.

14. WCCA Clothing Shortage:

Mr. Ishikawa (25) proposed to petition for fulfillment of WCCA clothing distributions by Sears, Roebuck & Co. of Los Angeles for the former residents of Santa Anita Assembly Center. Mr. Koide amended that Mr. Housel, Project Attorney, prepare said petition. Passed. Meeting adjourned at noon.