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No absence today. Messrs. Yonemura, Masunaga, Tsunokai, Okamoto, and Ritchie were tardy.

Minutes of September 2 were read and approved with a correction.

The secretary read a letter from the Central Utah Community Council addressed to this body in reference to our inquiry on verification of rumors pertaining to conditions existent in that center. The letter stated:

a. Electric washing machine:

Two hand operated wringers have been requisitioned for each block but due to shortage in number available, the Block Managers have not taken them yet.

b. Carrier Services:

A truck delivers magazines, newspapers, parcel posts, etc. to the Block Managers office. Topaz does not have sub-post offices. First class mails are delivered by a mail man once a day. Block Managers deliver other mails on a voluntary basis. Telegrams are delivered to individuals.

c. Transportation Service:

Bus service is rendered to and from the Delta station. Carrier service is provided for visitors from the inner main gate to the friends' residences. No private car is allowed on the area.

d. Watch towers and guards:

Guards are on duty from 7 PM to 7 AM. Flood lights are kept lighted during those hours.

REPORTS:

1. Welfare Committee:

a. Workmen's compensation: By Mr. Matsushige

Miss Payne advised that the Council pass a resolution on revision of Washington regulations on workmen's compensation with respect to its rates which are considered too low and the figures of living quarters which are estimated too high. At present, in order to subsidize small compensation the Social Welfare section issues public assistance grants. The Council assigned the Legal Committee to draft a resolution to above effect.

b. Visitors' living quarters and transportation service:

Miss Payne submitted a proposal to the staff meeting on establishment of carrier service for visitors from the main gate to the friends' residences. Mr. Oka suggested to provide one unit in Block 24 for visitors who have no real relatives or friends here. The Executive Secretary was instructed to submit a resolution to the Project Director on the matter.

c. Indigents:

According to Miss Payne's interpretation, the work "indigent" is defined as no fund living with it. She stated that indigents include persons under public assistances grants is open at disposal for inspection.

2. Food Committee:

a. In-between meals for children up to 12 years of age is under consideration.

b. Shoyu:

Mr. Yonemura reported that according to Mr. Main, the order for shoyu must be submitted today. The Council voted and passed on purchase of brewed shoyu which is not blended nor an imitation.

3. Result of a vote on the use of the Community Enterprises funds for youth organizations:

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Since there were only 7 blocks with the result of a vote on this matter, the rest having been undecided, the Council postponed rendering decision on it until next week, thus giving opportunity for other blocks to elect.

4. Labor Committee:

Mr. Nakashima reported on the meeting of the Labor Committee with Messrs. Lewis of the Supply office and Saunders of the Commissary section on September 2. Present manpower shortage is the cause of all evils. 30 men are needed in the unloading crew, 20 for coal crew, and 10 more swampers. It was concluded that the employment division is not functioning properly. On September 3, the committee met with Messrs. Carroll of the Employment and Ryan of the Finance. When asked what measures are in store in the event that all labor must be recruited from women, children and aged as the result of relocation of eligible persons, Mr. Carroll replied that he does not know; it is up to Mr. Myer.

Mr. Sashihara suggested that a labor censor be taken monthly through block committees. Motion was put to a vote and passed. Eligible persons are to report directly to Mr. Lewis for warehouse employment. Also a proposal to pay volunteer workers as part time employees was passed. Said proposal included those persons who work on a voluntary basis during their working hours by getting time-off for hours put in and also those persons who volunteer after their working hours should be paid as part-time employees instead of being credited with compensatory hours. The Labor Committee was referred to take care of the resolution.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Nagumo was advised to push the matter of supervising weekly lectures to be conducted in each block by request with Mr. Anderson.

Building wind breakers in all barrack entrances was decided to be pushed.

Reconsideration motion on setting up trustees of the Community Enterprises was made by Block 8 residents. Mr. Okazaki seconded and the motion was put to a vote. The motion called for reconsideration of the number of representatives in the trustees from the community at large. On a basis of interpretation by Block 8 residents it is deemed ultra vires on the part of the Council to determine the number of trustees; that the number of trustees must be decided by representatives from all the blocks. The vote was a draw; hence, the Council determined that reconsideration as moved will have another chance after detail functions and set-up of the trustees have been drafted by the Council Community Enterprises Committee and which have been referred to the Council for adoption.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Next meeting was set for Thursday morning, September 9, at 9:00 AM sharp.