

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Sept. 14, 1943
 Tuesday
 TIME: 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
 PLACE: Conference Room

Attended: Mr. Masao Satow, member of YMCA National Council.
 Mr. Horikoshi was absent. Messrs. Nagumo and Nakaki were tardy.
 Minutes of September 11 were read and approved.

Following Communications were received by the Council:
 Welcome Signs for new residents by Mr. Anderson; analysis data of "Homara" shoyu
 by Mr. Yonemura; and notice of resignation from Mr. Umemoto.

Result of approval on a proposal of work draft was announced by councilmen.
 Opposition to the proposal came from Blocks 8 and 22. The proposal calls for
 volunteer workers from any work division who are drafted on a basis whereby they
 shall be excused from work in their own division to remedy the situation of man-
 power shortage in any division where emergency cases arise to require additional
 workers. Mr. Okamoto proposed that the Council body make periodical visits to
 the various block for acquaintance and moulding of public opinion. At Mr. Ritchie's
 motion, The Council passed to the residents of Block 22 to discuss this and other
 center problems. Date of this meeting was set for this Wednesday evening at 7:30
 at Block 22-30.

Requisition of a coal bin and a coal loading machine which was reported to have
 been installed at Granada Relocation Center, Colorado, was referred to Block Mana-
 gers through Mr. Masunaga. Mr. Nakashima to supply the Granada Pioneer for infor-
 mation.

Due to a vacancy created by Mr. Miyasato's relocation in the Manpower Commission,
 it has become necessary that someone must be appointed. Since the Commission was
 founded by the Joint effort of the Temporary Block Chairmen and Block Managers,
 the appointment of personnel in the Commission should also be referred to Block
 Managers. It was agreed by the Council that a block manager should participate
 in this organization, and the matter was referred to Block Managers through
 Mr. Masunaga. Then the absolute necessity of full-time service was advocated by
 Mr. Okazaki who moved that a resolution be passed to be submitted to the Project
 Director on issuance of work assignment as full-time employees for a number of
 commissioners. The motion was passed by the Council unanimously.

Among 98 persons that were not permitted on the Gripsholm, 48 from relocation
 centers were transferred to the Rohwer Relocation Center, later to be segregated
 to the Tule Lake Center. It was reported that 180 pieces of baggage had been
 left on the Gripsholm. The Council passed to draft a resolution to be submitted
 to the ~~Spanish~~ Spanish Embassy and the State Department requesting that by a trans-
 oceanic cable to the Gripsholm such baggages left on board the Gripsholm by 48
 evacuees be transported back to U.S. and be shipped to the Tule Lake Center, and
 that financial assistance be given them until such time as their baggage arrive
 at Tule Lake.

Following Mr. Umemoto's resignation as councilman, the Council appointed Messrs.
 Tsunokai and Nakashima as election committee of Block 21 councilman. Election date
 was set for September 28.

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Other matters referred to the Council were:

Report on Block 12 resolution on space problem; report on resolution passed by Block 22 on trustee set-up; establishment of \$100 or less wage rating for appointed personnel from evacuees in posts such as doctors, registered nurses, and editor-in-chief of the Sentinel by Mr. Kumai; and, work clothing for coal crew which was passed by the Council.

Mr. S. shihara introduced a visitor to the Council meeting, Mr. Masao Satow, of the National Council of YMCA, and former chairman of the Temporary Community Council of Granada Relocation Center.

Mr. Satow commented that the Heart Mountain Council is really a council body in comparison with other centers where block Managers organization is the stronger body. He disclosed that center problems are mutual and same in all centers. Denouncing rumor on fresh fish supply to messhalls, Mr. Satow explained that fresh fish is obtained by individuals from the Granada Fish Company operated by a Tsuchiya, formerly of Los Angeles. Regarding local sentiment towards evacuees, the fact that 25 persons daily are allowed to shop at local stores explains the favorable reception by the Caucasian communities. As to food supplies, Gilaproject is the most blessed of all centers with fresh farm produce and Topaz center the poorest. Mr. Satow concluded that conditions in all centers are about the same but as the proverb says, there is nothing like, and the people think their own center is the best of all.