

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONFERENCE ROOM

Oct. 12, 1943
Tuesday
9:20 AM--11:50 AM

Absent: Mr. Oki
Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura, Yokoi and Ritchie
Minutes of October 7 were read and approved without correction.

REPORTS:

Blocks 15 and 17 approved on use of community enterprise fund for youth organizations, which makes 13 blocks in favor of contribution against 2.

Mr. Kumai, Food Committee, reported welcome dinner will be served on October 12.

Mr. Oka reported the number of coal crew to be 54. Blocks 8 and 29 have none while Blocks 6, 7, 9, 22, and 25 have one each on the coal crew as of today.

Mr. Sashihara informed that the construction of 5 wooden vats of 6'x8'x5' (1-9-d) for daikon pickling in the warehouse area has started. Necessary amount of salt and sugar have been procured for the purpose.

Mr. Okazaki presented the questionableness of the jurisdiction of the Council to permit the present court session this morning on unauthorized procedures of panel jury system. He pointed out that the function and duties as well as authority of the judicial commissioners under the panel system have not been drafted and presented to the Council for approval; hence, it may be considered unconstitutional to proceed under the present status of the Judicial Commission.

Mr. Kimoto informed that the present Judicial Commission is authorized by the Project Director to act as proxy; therefore, it is not acting under any other terms.

Mr. Okamoto expressed that the reason for Block 22's deliberate delay in electing representatives to the jury panel is the probable unconstitutionality of the ~~present~~ Judicial Commission under the evasee government under WRA. Legal Committee of the Council was requested to find out under what jurisdiction the present court is in session.

Mr. Matsushige proposed to grant indefinite cash grant to every family on indefinite leave. Mr. Okamoto advised that a pauper's grant will lose citizenship status. As this is a general problem among other centers, the Council Resettlement Committee was assigned to recommend to the Council a draft on request for such grant.

On clothing allowances following the public assistance grants, Mr. Matsushige informed that a recent Washington instruction allows clothing allowances only to such persons who are unable to work due to old age or physical unfitness, which will eliminate persons under the public assistance grants but who are considered workable. Such families which absolutely need clothing allowances besides the public assistance grants shall have to file a new application with the Welfare section; upon approval by Miss Payne they are entitled to receive clothing allowances. The Welfare Committee to look into it.

Mr. Nagumo's proposal to interpret all court proceedings in Japanese was rejected on the ground of unpracticability. Mr. Matsushige disclosed that Mr. Doi, chief judge, advised resignation from the panel if such representatives who consider themselves incompetent due to lack of English vocabulary or who are at present on the Police force.

Mr. Nagumo reported there are 120 000 building floorings piled up in the warehouse area which can be converted to wind breakers at the doorways of apartments. The matter was referred to the Block Managers through Mr. Masunaga.

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Retaining measures of evacuee doctors was proposed by Mr. Oka. Mr. Oka told the Council that at Tule Lake Center the people donated 5¢ per person for doctors' remuneration. A hospital supporters' association had been founded for such purpose. Mr. Tsunokai suggested to refer the matter to the block residents as the matter is not to be solved by the Council body. It was decided the councilmen are to request opinion of the blocks on collection of fund for retaining evacuee physicians and surgeons at 5¢ per person per month, which fund is to be used for remuneration of such doctors.

Proposal by Block 8 residents on services of the Community Enterprises employees and cashing checks was submitted to Mr. Sashihara who will make report on it to the trustees of the Community Enterprises.

On Mr. Motoyoshi's proposal of use of recreation halls for block meetings, Mr. Ritchie explained that space propositions are in progress which will solve the question.

Mr. Saito urged on prompt set-up of a new Trust. He declared that block committee on Trust should be organized to study Trust. Mr. Ritchie expressed that there is a misunderstanding between the present trustees and a large portion of residents and moved that a joint meeting be held to enlighten on the question of the Community Enterprises by former block chairmen, present members of the Council, and chairman of the former Coop study committee. Motion passed with 13 favoring votes. Date was set for this Saturday, October 16, at 1:30 PM. Mr. Ritchie to arrange the place for the meeting.

Mr. Watanabe moved that the Council pass on resolution to enforce more strictly the regulation provided under the charter, section 10-b, that such councilmen guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, or non-feasance in office should be handled in accordance with the charter. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Next meeting: October 14, Thursday at 9:00 AM.