

December 17, 1943
Friday
9:30 AM - 11:40 AM

Attended: Mr. Setsu Tani, Laboratory Technical of the hospital.
Absentees: Messrs. Yonemura, Block 17, Oka, Ritchie.
Tardy: Mr. Masunaga.

Having reached no quorum at the Thursday meeting, December 16, it was called informal; hence, no minutes were taken.
Both minutes of December 10 and 14 meetings were read and passed without correction.

Communication from the Poston Community Council were reviewed: Furnishing a list of members and committees of this Council and information on the set-up of a bakery establishment were requested.

After reviewing the minutes of December 14 wherein stated that the Spanish Embassy requests information as regards repatriation, the Council appointed the Welfare Committee to make lists and data as required.

Reports on food situation were made by the following councilmen:

Mr. Okasaki informed that both tofu and bakery industries are not as yet ready for operation: a motor or a machine necessary for production has not been installed. Not even the plumbing system is installed. The Council Food Committee was referred for investigation of cause for delay. Mr. Oki reported on procurement of 'mochigome'. According to Mr. Main, Project Supply Officer, the Denver Quartermaster had the Taguchi Grocery promised the shipment of mochigome of 40 sacks for Heart Mountain although the date of delivery is unknown. It was reported that said Quartermaster had cancelled any shipment of mochigome to the Rohwer, Jerome, and Manzanar Relocation Centers while the Topaz Center was allotted only 25 sacks out of 50 ordered. At the Christmas dinner, chicken will be served instead of turkey.

The Health and Sanitation Committee reported on its findings regarding the hospital problems:

- a. Function of public health nurse and nurse's aides: The supervising nurse is not here now. There are 3 evacuated nurse's aides as assistant who can be reached at 9-2-D (Mrs. Kubo), 15-4-D (Mrs. Ide), and 28-20-A (Mrs. Nobori) by telephone. Public health nurse is not authorized to issue sick leave certificates. The regulation required the signature of medical officer for such.
- b. Ambulance service: There are 4 ambulances, one of which is beyond use. Average calls per month ambulances make are 1,500, most of which are in taxing hospital workers to and from work. Mr. Dearing, Hospital Administrator, requested immediate notification in case of delayed ambulance services. Daily calls range from 1 to 2 for emergency, 4 to 5 for clinic while 14 calls beside registered taxi service for workers in the hospital are unaccountable, investigation revealed.
- c. Blood tests for food workers: Checking will be extended to such mess halls whose personnel have not been covered in physical examinations, Mr. Dearing assured.

In connection with reports on hospital management, Mrs. Setsu Tani, laboratory technician of the hospital requested the Council's assistance in recruiting voluntary blood donors. The Army supplies this center with 6 pints of blood plasma per month which is to be used for severe burns only. She stated that it should be made a responsibility of a block to volunteer to donate blood. Types of blood and names of volunteers shall be filed at the hospital.

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whenever emergency arises which warrants blood transfusion, such persons whose blood type correspond with that of the victim or patient shall be called upon for donation of blood.

The blood donations will be restricted to the possible extent on a block's basis. The Council gave assurance to cooperate with the hospital in this matter. A door-to-door campaign for recruit will be covered by councilmen and block managers. Miss Van Kirk or Mrs. Tani will be notified of each block's sentiment and reaction on the system.

A letter of the Council's acknowledgment of the effort rendered by Mr. L. T. Main, Project Supply Officer, on recent improvement of foodstuffs was drafted by Mr. Oki, the Council Food Committee, and approved by the Council.

An outline of relocation program was sketched by Mr. Sashihara as follows:

1. Industrialization of center
2. Removal of centers to various industrial centers
3. WRA field offices to find business opportunities as well as job hunting
4. Improvement of present relocation system
5. Group relocation

Meeting was adjourned till 9:30 AM, Tuesday, December 21.