

HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONFERENCE ROOM

January 12, 1944  
Wednesday  
9:45 A.M. -- 11:50 A.M.

Attended: Mr. Hosaka, Janitors Supervisor.  
Absentees: None Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura, Okazaki, Oka. Mr. M. Fujii for Block 27.

Minutes of the Council meetings of December 31, 1943, January 4, 8, 10 were read and approved.

Mr. Sashihara reported subsequent events created by sudden termination of janitors and boiler firemen on a few hours notice by Messrs. Todd and Erdman. He charged that no systematic procedure was taken in the termination: remaining crew on duty was not at all informed of their new additional duties and no written instruction was given them as to their work. According to Mr. Hosaka, janitors supervisor, foremen received new field assignment at 5 P.M. yesterday; hence, it was absolutely impossible to immediately give instructions to new crews in charge without even knowing their names.

Mr. Todd contends, according to report, that the instruction of coming termination had been given on the Fifteenth of December whereas Mr. Hosaka stated that a written instruction was received on the Third of January which was dated December 31. Mr. Erdman's contention was that the janitors foremen did not furnish previously data and information on status of janitors and boiler firemen working under them so as to make it convenient for the Divisional head to decide whom to terminate as verbal instructions had been given to foremen from time to time before the termination. The Administration also asserted that actual termination should have taken place on the First of January, instead of on the Tenth, inst. But the termination took place at random as the fact proves that sick persons in hospital were not affected while able bodied persons were being terminated. *The Council decided that the Labor Committee with Mr. Sashihara and janitors foremen get in touch with the crew on the area in order to obtain their individual opinion as to the feasibility of continuing work under the present system.*

Next on agenda of the Council was the election of new councilmen. In view of manpower reduction no councilmen may receive work assignment so as to qualify for any wage compensation. It was Mr. Sashihara's suggestion and opinion that in the new term, the councilmen should be given first priority for position of block manager's. Discussion on this suggestion was suspended until next session.

Mr. Yonemura reported on the hospital. Mr. Dearing, hospital administrator, requested the Council through Mr. Yonemura to report that the manpower reduction in the hospital may be solved favorably within two or three days.

Motion was made to call afternoon session, seconded and passed.  
Meeting was adjourned until 1:30 P.M. this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 PM--4:55 PM

Absentee: Mr. Tokimasa. Tardy: Messrs. Matsushige, Oki, and K,mai.

Mr. Nagumo reported on the set-up of a Fair Labor Practice Committee by Mr. Macfarlane, Personnel Officer. Accordingly, following persons had been selected as chairmen by Mr. Macfarlane to represent respective work groups: Arnold Nose, mess workers; George Kimura, maintenance and construction workers; E. Sakaiya, agricultural workers; Harry Ito, hospital workers; Arthur Okado and M. Gotanda, clerical workers. These persons were requested to call a meeting of respective work groups for the purpose of nominating candidates to be elected later to this committee.

Mr. Oka called an attention to the fact that some residents failed to express appreciation personally to blood donors who have given blood to members of their families. Mr. Motoyoshi cited an example of the impersonal attitude of the hospital personnel toward blood donors. A suggestion was made that a formal request is made to the WRA to pay blood donors the same as it is done on the outside. Mr. Nakashima moved that the Health and Sanitation Committee advise such families whose members have received blood from volunteer donors to express appreciation personally. Motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Nakashima reported the Administration's replies to suggestions (Joint Block Managers and Councilmen's Meeting Minutes, January 6; Section 2; Paragraph 10).

Discussion took place on clothing allowances for the unemployed. Motion was made by Mr. Kimoto to write to the Director D. S. Myer that:



1. Is it the WRA's intentions to enforce drastic and coercive measure in the treatment of evacuees as regards employment;
2. Uniform clothing allowances to all evacuees regardless of employment status, be guaranteed.

Mr. Nakaki declared these are the things that should be taken up directly with Mr. Myer at the relocation conference in conjunction with representatives from other relocation centers. The Council, however, ruled it a better policy to submit a written statement to Mr. Myer in addition to a direct negotiation, and designated Messrs. Masunaga and Kimoto for the draft of the letter. Also the Council passed to send a telegram to community Councils of nine other centers to inquire what has been done regarding employment problems and janitor matter.

Election discussion continued. Motion was made to set the election date on January 28, 1944, and passed. It was decided that all nomination petitions are to be in the Council office not later than January 18. The present term ends as of February 11, 1944. Motion was passed to take up discussion of election by January 14 with block residents by a special block meeting. Suspended discussion on the job assignment of councilmen was resumed. Mr. Saito moved that first priority be requested to be given councilmen for the block manager's privileges. Mr. Miyazaki seconded. In question, Mr. Okazaki and Kumai were opposed to deprive managers of their privileges. Another motion was instituted by Mr. Sashihara to take a vote on whether or not the Council take upon the previous motion of Mr. Saito. Pros: 13. Cons: 4. Mr. Saito's motion was voted upon, and it was ruled out by a vote of 14:3.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.  
Next meeting was set for 10:00 AM, tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

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