

January 21, 1944
Friday
9:30 AM—11:40 AM

Attended: Mr. Horino of the coal crew.
Absentee: None Tardy: Messrs. Yonemura, Okazaki and Motoyoshi.
Minutes of January 18 were read and approved with a correction.

The Labor Committee reported a lack of coordination and understanding between the coal crew and timekeepers. Upon explanation of Mr. Horino of the coal crew on the situation, the Council appointed the Labor Committee to negotiate on coordination between the two sections involved.

Mr. Sashihara reported on the air of the Administration's movement with respect to the assignment of councilmen in the coming term to a coordination board. The Administration, according to his report, recognizes the Council's past meritorious deeds and accomplishments, and it is the intention of Mr. Robertson to make negotiation with the Director D. S. Myer in behalf of the councilmen. Prospect of getting wages for councilmen is optimistic.

Mr. David Yamakawa of the Community Activities informed in his memorandum to the Council that the C.A. Conference will start at 9:00 AM next Wednesday at 9-26, and requested that the councilmen submit the names of the two delegates from their respective blocks to him.

A communication from the Topaz Relocation Center Community Council was reviewed. Said Council strongly advocates all-out participation of nine relocation centers at the National Evacuee Conference Meeting and adds that a meeting of only Center Delegates should be held prior to the Conference for the exchange of ideas. The Granada Community Council in a telegraphic message shows a wavering support in sending delegates in view of Mr. Myer's teletype refusal to bear expenses of delegates. Mr. Sashihara drafted a thesis on topics of discussion and agenda for the National Evacuee Meeting which he read before the Council. Motion was made to adopt in general said thesis written in Japanese. Motion was seconded and carried.

It was generally acknowledged that the Project Director had conceded to many points that were suggested in the letter of January 16th by Mr. Sashihara.

Mr. Sashihara announced that reclassification of all nisei for military service became effective immediately as soon as the selective service boards complete process.

The Health and Sanitation Committee denied a rumor concerning relocation of a dentist who is on vacation now. The Committee revealed that the rate of optometrist per population is 20,000 to one on the outside. Abnormal working condition, inefficient lighting system, and general weak eyes peculiar to the Japanese race were the issues why this center should have more than one optometrist.

The Council Relocation Committee submitted the names of committee on the newly formed Relocation Planning Commission and proposed that such committee and Commission is to formulate demands of residents within the Center and present them to the WRA. The Council passed the proposal.

Mr. Okazaki's proposal that restriction against digging ash pits and watering the streets and ground be publicized in the supplementary bulletin was referred to the Block Managers Committee.

Mr. Masunaga requested councilmen to announce at respective blocks the start of March of Dimes campaign in Heart Mountain Sunday morning for one week.

It was announced by the Chairman that there will be a joint Block Managers and Councilmen meeting at 10:00 AM tomorrow. Special guests speakers from the "Y" Institute will be introduced at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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