

HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONFERENCE ROOM

January 25, 1944
Tuesday
9:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Attended: Messrs. Oscar Buttedahl of the Washington Reports Office; Simmons, reports officer of the St. Louis Relocation Office; Dave Yamakawa, Dick Fujioka, Bill Teramoto of the Community Activities.

Absentee: Mr. Motoyoshi. Tardy: Messrs. Masunaga, Okazaki, Nakashima, and Nakaki.

Minutes of January 21 were read and passed with a deletion.

Following communication was reviewed:

From Mr. E. W. Meyer, Assistant to the Delegates, International Committee of the Red Cross to the representative to the Japanese Nationals in Heart Mountain. Arrangement of shipment from the Japanese Red Cross was informed. The gift is 64 cases of green tea, 1 case of musical instruments, 1 case of books.

It was reported by Mr. Sashihara that under the new term of the Council, members may be assigned to as coordinators and that starting July 1st the block Managers shall be terminated and their duties will be taken over by block secretaries. Following this report the Council discussed on the election of new councilmen for such blocks which had failed to submit the names of candidates. It was decided after due deliberation that a special election shall be held for these blocks. The date was set for February 10, deadline for filing nomination petitions with the Council office being January 31.

Plea for issuance of clothing allowances to the unemployed and the sick was proposed by Mr. Okazaki. Mr. Matsushige explained that such persons who are in needy condition will be issued with the public assistance grants upon application with the Social Welfare Section. The Council decided to add this problem for discussion into the agenda of the National Evacuee Meeting.

Messrs. Oscar Buttedahl of the Washington Reports Office and Simmons, reports officer of the St. Louis Relocation Office, visited the Council and requested that a program for the relocation team be planned by the Council which is scheduled to arrive here next Monday. The purpose of the team is two-fold; to help residents in clearing up questions concerning relocation and provide information on relocation opportunities, and, to get information on residents opinion on relocation. Mr. Buttedahl stressed that the team's purpose is not in recruiting people on relocation. The Council Resettlement Committee was assigned to work out a tentative plan and then contact church groups, relocation office, service clubs, etc., on overall program and publicity.

Messrs. Dave Yamakawa, Dick Fujioka, and Bill Teramoto of the Community Activities informed that Mr. A. E. Wilde, Executive Manager of the War Finance Committee for Wyoming, will arrive here January 26 at 3 PM, on National War Fund Drive, and asked for the Council's sanction on the Community Activities section to supervise a door-to-door campaign of contribution among center residents. Mr. Sashihara pointed out the Council's resolution on restriction of any contribution drive; however, he appointed the following councilmen to meet with Mr. Wilde and above mentioned personnel from the Community Activities section tomorrow: Messrs. Shig Masunaga, Tom Oki, Min Y. Nemura, and George Nakaki.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.