

HEART MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONFERENCE ROOM

February 29, 1944
9:00 AM--12:10 PM

Absent: Mr. Kuramoto. Tardy: Messrs. Nagumo and Tokimasa.
Minutes of February 26 were read and passed without correction.

The balance shipment of shoyu from the Santa Fe Detention Station was requested by the Council via telegram.

The Fair Play Committee announced in writing its formation and policies.

A letter of appreciation from Mr. Shig Maminaga to the Council on the loss of his mother was read.

The reply from the Director D. S. Myer to Mr. Robertson's teletype inquiry on authenticity and confirmation of the statement issued by the Spanish Consul, Senor de Amat was forwarded to the Council. The Council at the same time reviewed the statement by the Spanish Consul announced to the Spanish Consul Joint Committee at Topaz Relocation Center, Utah with reference to the Selective Service of the Japanese American citizens. The Council decided that such a matter of importance should be made clear to the residents so as to avoid and prevent any misconception on the part of the latter by publicizing the whole contents of both announcements.

The Council secretary reported on the result of the election of Block 7 councilman. Mr. Everett Y. Kuramoto, 7-14-F, was duly elected councilman with a vote of 61. He was the sole candidate.

The Education-Recreation Committee reported on the petition from Block 2 concerning removal of the billiard room to some other locality, which has been referred to the Community Activities. The Council supported the petition and instructed the secretary to inform the Community Activities to that effect.

Mr. Hayashida reported on the possible extent of manufacture of tofu if an additional equipment were procured. The arrival of the "Hanamurasaki" brand of shoyu is expected in a week.

Mr. Tokimasa of the Legal Committee referred the matter of restriction of pets to the Health and Sanitation Committee. The Council decided that joint committee meet with Dr. Irwin to work out a control measure of all pets.

Mr. Matsushige reported on the classification of the soldier's family allowances. Wife and children under 18 years of age are classified to "A" group. Wife receives \$50, \$22 of which is deducted from the soldier husband while the balance is supported by the Government, and the first child receives \$30, and the second and on receive \$20 per capita. Other dependents than as classified in the group "A" are considered as group "B". They are father over age, receiving \$50, for which \$5 is deducted from the soldier son; mother with \$18; brothers and sister under age receiving \$11 each; In all cases, the enlisted son must be the bread earner. A proper form must be executed by such dependents.

The secretary was assigned to remind Mr. Madfarlane to pay all delinquent payment of wages of farm labor volunteers.

In spite of the function and formation of the Project Food Committee to certify all requisitions of food items that go out of the warehouses, lately food have

been taken out without being ^{referred to} the Committee. The Council passed a resolution that in all deliveries of food, the Project Food Committee's representative co-sign the requisition forms, and that special deliveries of food items for any party must be forbidden unless necessary.

Messrs. Todd, Anderson, and Erdman attended.

Mr. Anderson related concerning issuance of mops, brooms, soap, and buckets. Buckets and soap situation has not changed and these items could not be replaced. Same for the mops.

Mr. Fujimoto retaliated that it is the responsibility of the Government to maintain a sanitary living condition, hence, all such items are daily requisites and must be supplied. Mr. Fujimoto requested that the ~~Administrative Personnel~~ transmit the evacuees requests to the Washington authorities, to which Mr. Anderson agreed. Messrs. Todd and Erdman jointly explained that buckets could not be obtained anywhere but efforts are being expended to secure them from every possible available source. The Council revealed that the sentiments of the residents are being stirred by the fact that the Administrative Personnel are provided with extravagant housing quarters and facilities while the floors of the apartments in which residents are quartered are being a constant threat of danger and discomfort. Mr. Todd explained that the Government does not furnish the housing for Administrative personnel gratis; the rent is charged them so as to get back the expense in five years. With reference to the floors, Mr. Todd disclosed that an estimate of \$30,000 for repair materials of floors was requisitioned but was turned down.

Mr. Erdman stated that the WPA approval is necessary to procure screens. He told the Council that even the screen for the garbage cover was turned down. As to the repairs of a leaky roof, not one requisition has been submitted by the residents concerned.

Putting the window panes has been withheld due to the cold weather. It will be resumed when the weather becomes warmer.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

AFTERNOON SESSION
1:00 PM-4:30 PM

Absentees: Messrs. Kuramoto and (Motoyoshi), Party: Messrs. Kinoshita and Tokimasa.

Mr. Hayashida read the petition of nisei in this center which is to be presented to President of the United States thru this body.

Mr. Tokimasa of the Legal Committee submitted to the Council the revised section of the penal code of the Criminal Code. Repeal of the original penalty provision was accepted by a unanimous vote and amendment as submitted was adopted.

The Council Executive and Labor and Legal Committees jointly were to draft a petition for consideration of the Director D. S. Myer concerning various existing conditions and the complaints regarding the Administration. The Project Director's attitude in disregarding the Community Council's existence prior to leaving for the Washington Conference of WRA was illustrated as one of the examples at the discussion.

At the request of Mr. Nagumo, Mr. Katagi explained as follows concerning the use of recreation hall in the center block:

Monday-----Friday	8 AM--5 PM	Various clubs or organizations use upon request
Monday and Friday	7 PM--10 PM	Boys or girls clubs and scouts
Tuesday--Thursday	7 PM--11 PM	For the block's use

Mr. Nagumo's proposal to varnish the mess tables passed the Council. The secretary was assigned to negotiate the matter.

Mr. Oka related that in time of milk supply shortage the juice extracted from the beans may well qualify as nutritious as milk and serve as supplementary food. The Council Food Committee was referred to study the possibility of the idea while councilmen refer to the opinion of the respective block residents.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.