

Absentee: Mr. Tani

1. Mr. R. Matsui, Chief of Police, gave a report on recent juvenile delinquency case and requests the cooperation of councilmen to inform their respective block residents to take adequate means to protect their possessions to prevent reoccurrence of these cases.
2. Dr. Irwin stated that the health of the community is well cared for by the six physicians. Although three of them are elderly they perform considerable amount of services. Not counting his services, there are an average of one doctor to about 1,500 residents and besides many special cases are taken to Billings and some to Denver. He advised that the center is fortunate to receive the cooperation of these clinics. This is due to the sufficient budget allotted to care for this purpose. A total of 168 hours of services a week is performed by the six doctors under their shifts. He pointed out that the services rendered here by the hospital staff is excellent and above the average of outside community. Since the making of individual calls to homes was a terrific strain upon the doctors--sometimes 90 calls a day--this system had been discontinued. The Council Chairman inquired concerning the possibility of additional compensations to doctors for their hard and long services by some means, for example, civil service rating. Dr. Irwin replied that it has not been granted to the evacuee doctors. However, he added that they are to get credit for the over time in the past. The doctors have compensatory day off, yet they are attending to the patients they receive while on duty. The problem the hospital is confronting now is replacement for positions vacated by persons relocating, such as clerks, nurses and laboratory workers. Dr. Irwin admitted that they will need one more doctor at least because three elderly doctors can be counted as only half time services, and there is possibility of one doctor relocating before fall. The request for a doctor is made on these bases. However, he advised that the request will be hard to be fulfilled, because of shortage of doctors everywhere due to the tremendous scope of the war. Mr. George Nakaki asked (1) the standing of evacuee doctors with that of Civil Service Doctors and (2) the hiring of secretary to relieve the doctor

from as much work as possible, example, such work as issuing of permits, making a report, etc. To these questions Dr. Irwin answered that evacuee doctors have equal rights in regard to patients as any civil serviced doctors and in regard to the secretary, he stated, that he doesn't know of any place where doctor in a hospital has a secretary. The physicians are writing their own diagnosis and reports.

In regard to milk problem, Dr. Irwin advised the Council to take this matter up with the Mess Division. But he stated that the diet permits are issued as needed by patients and as recommended by the doctors.

Mr. Saito reported that doctors at Billings said that the cases sent there from Heart Mountain are already acute and late cases and requested the hospital authority to expedite such transfer. Dr. Irwin explained that most of those cases are old chronic cases--some 10 to 15 years old. Some cases are acute flare up and that is not within their power. All cases which the hospital staff can't handle are sent to Billings as soon as possible.

Dr. Irwin reported that there is no chance of sending up TB patients to Basin. Since the hospital is too small they are only accommodating the residents of Wyoming. The other plans are considered. Dr. Irwin promised that he will check the value of food served in the hospital and will also find ways to keep the food warm for the patients. The requisition for windbreaker at Clinic entrance have been submitted and approved. It will be under construction in near future.

Dr. Irwin promised to discuss with the hospital doctors to have emergency cases treated only at emergency section while all other cases to be treated at the clinic.

To Mr. Tokimasa's question of over-time compensation to doctors, Dr. Irwin said that he thinks they will receive pay for the over time in the past, but for the future he is trying to schedule so as to avoid as much over time as possible. However, the doctors are attending to their patients on compensatory day off.

In regard to the reduction of opticians, Dr. Irwin stated it is impossible to have three opticians service people in that small room, and the present staff is adequately servicing just as many as before. The total number of glasses serviced from September 1942 to April 16, 1944 is 5370 and during the period between February to April 16 they have serviced 637. The services have been better than before.

Dr. Irwin agreed to cooperate with the administration and council to materialize and realize the matters we have discussed here.

Mr. Anderson announced that there will be another send off ceremony for the second group of inductees on Friday at 8:30 AM. Also Sgt. Ben Kuroki's change of coming into the center to speak to the Heart Mountain residents is quite promising.

The Councilmen were invited to attend the picture show, "Haha o tazunete" in the Sentinel Room tonight at 7:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.