

May 23, 1944
Tuesday
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Absentee: Mr. Nakaki

Minutes of May 19 was approved as read.

COMMUNICATION REVIEWED: Letter from JACL, Salt Lake City, Utah, on contribution for the test cases; memo from M.O. Anderson on ex-councilmen from Jerome participating in our Council meeting; and extract of memorandum from Spanish Embassy regarding repatriation and exchange.

1. Relative to the minutes of May 16, 1944, Mr. Hayashida retracted his statement he made on the iced tea. Instead, he corrected that commissary department will endeavor to serve the residents with approval of Project Director since it is very difficult to purchase ice. He announced that the increase of milk supply has been granted for the period of two months beginning June 1st.

Mr. Hayashida also made report on the yesterday's food committee meeting. He reported that although commissary is placing the orders at about 52% per capita so that it will equal WRA food allowances, many items are unobtainable, thus lowering the per capita food value. The most convenient locale for ordering fresh produces will take at least two weeks, and therefore, from other localities it will be subject to the risk of perishing. Fish is also very difficult to purchase for the army has priority, but diligent effort is being made to supply the center residents. Request for ice cream and butter in our menu has been made, but it was stated the Mr. Robertson has rejected once on the Christmas Holiday, but further consultation will be made. Fresh vegetables can be secured from local growers directly if approved by the Quarter Master at Denver. Another matter discussed was the understanding with the chefs on the matter of serving consumable food to the residents. It was decided by those in attendance to have this meeting once a month. After his report, discussion was made on the other possibilities of obtaining fish, and the Food Committee was asked to make further negotiation with the commissary.

2. The Honor Roll for servicemen which has been under consideration for some time, will be constructed at the front of the Administration Building, it was announced by Mr. Katagi.

3. To comply with the suggestion made by Mr. Myer to Mr. Robertson, Council decided to welcome ex-councilmen of Jerome as the observers at our meetings until the present term expires.

4. Mr. Tonooka explained the shortage of "tsukemone" under present farm production plan and suggests negotiation with the Administration for its increase of acreage. Chairman appointed Food Committee and Mr. Hachimonji to act on this matter.

5. Mr. Anderson requested the cooperation of the councilmen in making necessary housing adjustments among residents to make room for the Jerome transferees. Supplying of linens to the mess hall workers has been temporarily curtailed, but order has been made to replace them as before. He stated also enough Kalsomine will probably furnished for the mess halls and recreational halls.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.