

Special Meeting

May 24, 1944

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Attended: Messrs Robertson and Horn

1. This meeting was called for the purpose of discussion of the Social Security Act and an increase of employees at the fire department. To the question asked by the chairman of the applicability of Social Security Act to the residents, Mr. D. Horn, Project Attorney, replied that Federal employees are not subject to that benefit. However, he advised that if there are any residents who are eligible to receive an old age pension, should make an application. Those eligibles are the ones having Social Security cards prior to evacuation and since have become 65 years old, and the wife and children under 18 years old of those deceased. He advised the Council to run a bulletin in the Sentinel to inform residents on this matter.

It was reported that evacuees have made application for unemployment compensation to the West Coast States but were denied on the ground that they are not available for work in those states. The case is still pending, however, no one has made further appeal. He mentioned a similar case in California Supreme Court, but he did not know how its decision was made.

All government employees are entitled to receive extended illness compensation for 90 days with renewal of application with Doctor's certificate every 30 days. Also they are eligible to receive pension after serving more than 20 years, however, it is not applicable to the evacuees because of wages.

Mr. Matsushige asked whether there will be any possibility of the evacuees being an exception to the regulation for compensation in case of an injury. According to the regulation, the injured evacuee is subject to receive only 2/3 of the wage less subsistence and clothing allowance. Mr. Horn stated that he understood to be different but he will report after making further study on this regulation.

2. To the question of insufficient employees at the fire department, Mr. Robertson agreed to the same and stated that Mr. Rumley is making every efforts to increase its staff, and asked the councilmen to appeal to the people on this matter at their block meetings. He added that if anyone is willing to transfer to the fire department, he will gladly grant his transfer.

3. In regard to the possibilities of serving residents with ice cream, butter, and some desserts in our menu, and graveling the roads and unsmooth places between the barracks, he requested the Council to submit memorandums.

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At conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Robertson requested the cooperation of the councilmen to inform their residents of Jerome transfers and make possible readjustments of their apartments to make room for them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.