

July 11, 1944
Tuesday
9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nakashima.

ROLL CALL:

Absentee: none

COMMUNICATION REVIEWED:

- a. From Mr. Harvey Burnett, Evacuee Property Officer, on lost baggage.
- b. From Friends of the American Way, Pasadena, California, a bulletin on democracy in action.
- c. From Butte Community Council, Rivers, Arizona, on the exchange of minutes.

1. LOST BAGGAGE

As stated in the communication received from Mr. Burnett on the lost baggage, Mr. Matsushige further added that Mr. Burnett is negotiating with San Francisco and Washington on this matter. Since the government assumes no responsibility for any form of loss through handling of evacuee property, the individual has no recourse for collection of any claim unless he cares to take it up through the Small Claims Division in Washington, D.C. However, the government only pays 10¢ a pound regardless of what the value of the lost baggage. Also in regard to the baggage lost on shipment from the West Coast, the Railroad Company is responsible, but it also pays only 10¢ a pound regardless of the value of shipment.

2. COAL

Chairman reported that most of the mess halls coal supply is well screened out and the laundry rooms supply is quite depleted. He has requested Mr. Main to supply the residents with another car a day since some of the showers were without hot water. And to those blocks whose coal supply is not screened, he requested that block volunteers screen the piles so that the crew in charge will be able to haul the unuseable residue away.

3. COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

The discussion relative to conducting a hearing on the Community Enterprises Study and Negotiation Committee was continued from the last meeting. Various opinions were expressed, but since it involves the welfare of the community, the council voted in favor of having the Resolution Committee composed of Mr. Kimoto, Mr. Matsushige and Mr. Nakaki (replacing Mr. Tokimasa who is the member of the executive committee of the study and negotiation committee of C. E.) make a further study of the matter and submit recommendations to the Council.

4. FOOD COMMITTEE

Mr. Hayashida of the Food Committee reported to the Council that the supply of shoyu has been temporarily curtailed due to the army ordering from another party, and practically all mess halls are depleted of their supply. He presented a motion that request be submitted to the Supply Department of the Project to purchase shoyu from Community Enterprises. The motion was unanimously approved and the Council Food Committee was requested to negotiate with Mr. Main.

5. INVENTORY

Mr. Larson, Cost Accountant, attended the meeting and reported that order has been received to make inventories of the government properties (cots, mattresses, blankets, etc.) that are being used by the evacuees. He asked for the advice from the Council as to how this matter be handled. The Council suggested that it be made with assistance of block managers and clerk from the administration. He announced that it will be published in the Sentinel bulletin that the activity will be conducted on Friday and Saturday.

6. DOCTOR

A motion to request an arrangement whereby doctors could be called into the apartment in emergency case was made by Mr. Kimoto. Mr. Hatchimonji described a case in this connection which occurred recently in his block. The motion was approved as a topic for discussion at next round table meeting.

7. APPRECIATION FUND

Mr. Takashashi asked the Council for suggestions as to how the distribution and publication of the appreciation fund should be made, since block 22 has not contributed. The Council requested information from Mr. Tokimasa why his block was not cooperating with the others in this matter. Since there was no time left, the matter was left on the table for further discussion at next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.