

TANFORAN ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTION APPROVED

Incorporating a number of changes and amendments to conform to Army regulations relating to self-government in evacuee assembly centers, the Constitution of the Tanforan Assembly was ratified at a

meeting of the Center constitutional committee and the Center Council last Saturday morning.

The final draft, as approved by Center Manager Frank E. Davis, was drawn up on Monday and became

the official body of law for Tanforan's self-government.

As a service to Center residents, the Totalizer is printing the full text of the Constitution in this mid-week extra.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TANFORAN ASSEMBLY

Preamble

We, the residents of the Tanforan Assembly Center, in order to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to insure equality and justice, to promote the general welfare of all, and to aid in our moral and spiritual development, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for the Tanforan Assembly, in the County of San Mateo, State of California.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. NAME. The name of this body shall be known as Tanforan Assembly.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Tanforan Assembly shall be to pro-

mote in every way the interest of the United States Government and to coordinate that interest with the welfare and well being of the residents therein.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. The general membership of this body shall be composed of all the residents of the Tanforan Assembly Center.

SECTION 2. VOTING MEMBERSHIP. The vo-

ting membership of this body shall be composed of all the residents who are citizens of the United States and who have reached their twenty-first year.

ARTICLE III - SELF-GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. CENTER DIVISION. The Tanforan Assembly Center shall be divided into five (5) precincts.

Part 1. The first precinct shall be composed of barracks 2 to 10, inclusive.

Part 2. The second precinct shall be composed of barracks 13 to 22, inclusive.

Part 3. The third precinct shall be composed of barracks 23 to 54, inclusive.

Part 4. The fourth precinct shall be composed of barracks 55 to 102, inclusive.

Part 5. The fifth precinct shall be composed of barracks 104 to 189, inclusive.

SECTION 2. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. There shall be an Executive Council composed of one elected representative from each precinct; the chairman of the Congress to be an ex-officio member thereof.

Part 1. Qualifications. Any voting

member of the Tanforan Assembly who has reached his twenty-fifth year is eligible to be a member of the Executive Council.

Part 2. Officers. The officers of the Executive Council shall be a chairman and a vice-chairman elected from and by the Executive Council.

Part 3. Duties. The Executive Council shall act in an executive and liaison capacity between the Congress and the Administration; and shall act as official spokesman for their respective precinct.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE CONGRESS. The Congress shall be composed of members elected from each precinct on the basis of two hundred (200) residents to one (1) Congressman.

Part 1. Qualifications. Any voting member of the Tanforan Assembly who has reached his twenty-third year is eligible to be a member of the Con-

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gress.

Part 2. Officers. The officers shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and sergeant-at-arms, to be elected from and by the Congress.

Part 3. Duties. The Congress shall act in a legislative and liaison ca-

capacity between the residents and the Executive Council.

SECTION 4. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office for the members of the Congress and the Executive Council shall be six months from the time of their respective time of inauguration.

ARTICLE IV - RECALL AND REPLACEMENT

SECTION 1. RECALL OF COUNCILMAN. Any member of the Executive Council can be recalled by a petition of the majority of the voters in their respective precincts.

SECTION 2. RECALL OF CONGRESSMAN. Any

member of the Congress can be recalled by a petition of one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the voters in their respective precincts.

SECTION 3. REPLACEMENT. A Precinct Election shall be held to replace any Councilman or Congressman.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. ELECTION FOR COUNCILMAN. The election for the Executive Council shall be conducted on the Tuesday before the beginning of the new term. The term shall begin on the 25th day of the 6th and 12th months of the year.

SECTION 2. ELECTION FOR CONGRESSMAN. The election for the Legislative Congress shall be held on the sixth (6th) Tuesday following the election for the Executive Council and one week prior to the beginning of the new term.

SECTION 3. PROCEDURES. The election procedures shall be handled by a special committee.

Part 1. Nominations. The nominations for the Executive Council shall be determined by a petition of fifty (50) eligible voters from the respective precincts to be filed two (2) weeks prior to the election.

The nominations for the Congress shall be from the floor at a precinct meeting to be held one (1) week prior to the election.

All nominations are to be announced one (1) day after filing.

Part 2. Plurality Vote. A plurality vote shall determine the office of Councilman and Congressman.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. The Executive Council shall conduct an open meeting each week.

SECTION 2. CONGRESS. The Congress shall hold an open meeting every other week.

SECTION 3. PRECINCT MEETINGS. The Councilmen and the Congressmen from each

precinct shall conduct an open meeting in their respective precincts every other week.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS. An open meeting can be called by a majority vote of either the Executive Council or the Congress for their respective bodies.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. TYPES. The Executive Council shall appoint committees on Judiciary, Recreation, Education, Food, Housing, Health, Works, Social Welfare, Religious, and Relocation, with the ratification of a majority of the Congress.

SECTION 2. DUTIES. The committee shall act in a fact finding and advisory

capacity to the Executive Council.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP. Each committee shall consist of at least one member from each precinct.

SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS. Members of the committees shall be citizens of the U.S.A.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of both the Executive Council and Congress by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of those present, provided notice of such proposed amend-

ment, with a copy thereof, has been posted at a public place not less than one week in advance of such meetings; together with a notice of time and place of such meetings.

BY - LAWS

ARTICLE I - RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 1. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of the Executive Council and the Congress in all cases where it does not conflict with a standing rule of the bodies.

SECTION 2. Any rule or order may be suspended with a majority vote.

ARTICLE II - QUORUM

SECTION 1. Three-fifths ($\frac{3}{5}$) of the Executive Council shall constitute a

quorum.

SECTION 2. Two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Congress shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Special committees may be appointed by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the members present of both the Executive Council and the Congress.