HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
THIRD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FIFTEENTH SESSION

November 3, 1944
Friday

Conference Room
9:15 a.m.--11:40 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by M. Hayashida, chairman.

ROLL CALL

All elected Councilmen present.
Attended: T. Bodine, M. O. Anderson, and S. Nagata.

Minutes of the meetings of October 24 and October 27 were approved as read.

The Chairman introduced Thomas Bodine, Field Director of the National Student Relocation Council, who stated that the NSR Council will continue in existence primarily to help Nisei college students work out their financial problems. It will receive applications for scholarship grants and apply to various sources for aid in behalf of the students, he added.

For the benefit primarily of new councilmen, M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director, clarified the difference between positions of Block coordinators and councilmen. He stressed the fact that the councilmen are elected by the members of the blocks, while the block coordinator position is an appointive position.

NEW BUSINESS

Optometry

Discussion was held on the difficulties and delays encountered by patients in having their eyes examined or glasses repaired. The matter was referred to the Health and Sanitation Committee.

Public Relations

Due to the fact that newspaper articles concerning the Council and its functions were sometimes not wholly correct, it was agreed that memoranda be sent to the writers to first contact the Council Public Relations Committee to verify all Council articles before publication.

Community Enterprises

It was moved that a letter introducing Council Community Enterprises Committeemen, F. Inoshita and Z. Saito be sent to the C.E. Board of Trustees.

Special Meetings

Since there is a possibility of the restrictions being lifted in the Western Defense Command, K. Katchimonji made a motion to hold conferences in order to discuss this matter on the evacuees' viewpoint. Motion was seconded by K. Hoshizaki and approved by the Council. The entire findings will be submitted to WRA, Washington, D. C. for study.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikiko Yamane
Acting Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER
THIRD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SIXTEENTH SESSION

November 8, 1944
Wednesday

Conference Room
10:10 a.m.--11:20 a.m.

The Third Community Council held its first Round Table discussion with Guy Robertson, Project Director, and M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director, present.

Topics brought up for discussion were:

A. Possibility of the West Coast Being Reopened

B. Difficulties Encountered by Patients in Obtaining Optometry Service

C. Present Food Situation in General

The Project Director informed the Council that a number of indications had occured in recent months that the War Department has somewhat relaxed restrictions on the West Coast. He advised that removal of the restrictions was entirely a matter that would be determined by the War Department and that he had no information as to what action the War Department expects to take. He stated, however, that if, as, and when the restrictions are removed, WRA will expect to undertake the closing and liquidation of all centers, except possibly Tule Lake, within a reasonable period sufficient to allow time in which to assist all center residents in making their adjustment back to normal living outside the centers. He further stated that the type of WRA assitance to be granted persons moving back to the West Coast was expected to be the same as now extended to persons relocating to other sections of the country.

The Project Director assured the Council that there has been no official confirmation to the rumors that the restrictions in the Western Defense Command being lifted on November 15.

It was brought to the attention of the Project Director that some patients have to wait two to six months before appointment with the optometrist can be secured. Some of the patients are sorely in need of prompt optometry service in order to continue working. It was agreed that the Health and Sanitation Committee examine the problem in cooperation with Mr. Anderson.

Due to the high prices charged on local vegetables, the Food Committee reported that it was difficult to include fish and other foods more often in the menu. Also, the Quartermaster purchases substitute fish when the kind of fish ordered is unobtainable. It was suggested and agreed that a joint meeting with the ~~Chief~~ Chief Project Steward, Supply Officer, and the Block Managers be held with the Council in order to discuss food problems. The Food Committee is to submit a fish list to assist the Supply Officer in purchasing the fish.

Meeting was adjourned 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikiko Yamane
Acting Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
THIRD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
EIGHTEENTH SESSION

November 10, 1944
Friday

Conference Room
9:2- a.m.--11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by M. Hayashida, chairman.

ROLL CALL

All elected Council members present.
Attended: L. T. Main. F. J. Haller, and the Block Managers.

The minutes of the meeting on November 7th were amended as follows:

It was suggested by the Council that Adeline Koll, Social Welfare Counselor, again submit to WRA Washington, D.C., the request that Clothing allowances be issued to all center residents. This question was reported as being favorably regarded by WRA, according to Virgil Rayne, former Social Welfare Counselor on July 21, 1944. Miss Koll was also asked whether Public Assistance Grants be applied with a broader viewpoint to the evacuees, to which she gave assurance that the matter will be forwarded to WRA Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATIONS REVIEWED

A. Memorandum from M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director, on Gila Legislative Manual.

B. WRA Washington, D.C., to Project Director regarding the Gila Legislative Manual and comments on Community Government Monthly Reports.

C. Letter from Council inviting A. L. Wirin to visit Heart Mountain.

D. Memorandum from C.A. regarding meeting to be held.

E. Assistant Project Director, M.O.Anderson, on the subject of Semi-Annual Report on Community Government.

The Chairman introduced Sumi Kurasaki, new secretary to the Council.

Census

The survey of Japanese Nationals requested by the Japanese Government was referred to the Welfare Committee.

New Committee To Be Formed

It was decided that a member from each unit be asked to be present at the Block Meetings in order that every evacuee familys' viewpoint can be considered in making a survey in the event restrictions in the Western Defense Command are lifted.

A committee is to be formed of two representatives from each Block in conjunction with the Council members.

Educational Movies

G. Nakahi of the Education Committee suggested that educational motion pictures be shown in the mess halls periodically for the benefit of children free of charge through the Community Activities Technical Department. This was unanimously approved by the Council.

Joint Meeting

L.T. Main, Supply Officer; Fred J. Haller, Chief Project Steward; and the Block Managers met jointly with the Council in order to discuss the present food situation in general.

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
THIRD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NINETEENTH SESSION

November 14, 1944 — Conference Room
Tuesday — 9:30 a.m.--11:45 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by M. Hayashida, chairman.

ROLL CALL

All elected Council members present
Attended: E. Carroll, T. Fujimura, S. Oshio, G. Horino, and S. Nagata.

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

Report on Distribution of Sugar from Fred J. Haller, Chief Project Steward.

The Chairman introduced Saichi Donao, new Council nominee of Block 6.

Evelyn Carroll, Assistant Relocation Officer, Minneapolis, Minnesota, spoke to the Council inviting relocatees to the middle west area; stressing the many advantages to be had there for the reselltement of evacuees.

Block Meeting Reports

Each and every Councilman reported on the reaction of the residents in his Block to the proposed plan for the formation of a ways and means committee in the event restrictions are lifted on the West Coast. Prolonged discussion was held and the matter was given serious consideration.

Labor

A labor dispute in the coal crew was brought to the attention of the Council by Genzo Horino, crew foreman. The problem was satisfactorily settled.

The meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikiko Yamane,
Acting Secretary

The Supply Officer stated that the difficulties encountered in fish purchasing may be eliminated to a great extent if a plan proposed to establish a field procurement officer in the San Francisco area to buy fish in carload lots for all centers is carried out.

The Chief Project Steward explained the distribution methods of sugar quota.

It was agreed that a list of suitable variety of fish be submitted to the Supply Officer by the Food Committee.

C.A. Board Meeting

Mr. Tsunokai will be Council Representative to the Community Activities Board of Trustees meeting to be held Monday at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was ajourned 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikiko Yamano,
Acting Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
THIRD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TWENTIETH SESSION

November 17, 1944 Conference Room
Friday 9:30 a.m.--11:45 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by M. Hayashida, chairman.

ROLL CALL

All elected Council members present
Attended: S. Donao.

COMMUNICATIONS REVIEWED:

A. Letter from A.L. Wirin Regarding His Visit to Heart Mountain.

B. Memorandum Requesting Representative to Sixth War Loan Drive Meeting.

Council Vacancies

The special election date to fill the Council vacancy in Block 6 was set for Wednesday, November 22 from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Due to the relocation of Junzo Itaya, Block 28 Councilman, said Block was declared vacant. G. Nakaki was appointed to contact the Block 28 Election Board to nominate a candidate for election.

Sixth War Loan Drive

G. Nakaki was appointed to represent the Council at the meeting regarding the Sixth War Loan Drive.

Block Memorial Services

A motion was made by K. Hatchimonji, seconded by S. Kayano, that a member of the Council represent the community in offering condolences at the funerals and memorial services conducted by the Blocks for soldier casualties. The motion was approved and carried.

T. Shoguchi was appointed to offer Center condolences at the funeral of Corporal Masuo Kanmotsu, Block 6; and G. Nakaki will speak in behalf of the residents at the memorial service for Sergeant George M. Moyeda, Block 30, on Saturday, November 18th.

Railroad Fare Fund

Inductees into active service of the Armed Forces need railroad fare to reach their posts where they are reimbursed upon arrival. However, since some may be embarrassed by the lack of ready cash, it was suggested that a fund be set aside in order to aid such persons.

The matter was referred to the Welfare Committee for study.

Census

F. Inoshita, Welfare Committee, reported that the survey of Japanese Nationals has been completed except for about 200 persons. The Block Managers have agreed to check on the delinquents.

Christmas Drive For Wounded Soldiers

G. Nakaki of the Education Committee asked the support of the Council for the Christmas Drive to be conducted by the Youth Organizations for the wounded American soldiers in the general hospitals. The Council wholeheartedly consented to aid the Drive.

Billings' Service Office

It was suggested that a service bureau be opened in Billings, Montana, for the convenience of the evacuees since the recent closure of the WRA Office there. The Relocation Committee was asked to make necessary negotiations with the authorities.

Hospital Appointments

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Gym Program

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Respectfully submitted,

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Respectfully submitted,

Mikiko Yamano,
Acting Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
THIRD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TWENTY*FIRST SESSION

November 21, 1944 — Conference Room
Tuesday — 9:20 a.m.--11:45 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by M. Hayashida, chairman.

ROLL CALL

Absentee: Block 1
Attended: M. O. Anderson, G. D. Diehl, and S. Nagata

The minutes of November 10th were corrected to read as follows:

G. Nakaki of the Education Committee suggested that approval be granted for educational motion pictures to be shown in the mess halls periodically for the benefit of children free of charge through the Community Activities Technical Department.

The minutes of the meetings on November 14, and 17 were approved as read.

M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director, clarified the WRA policy regarding loans to the inductees for railroad fare.

Mr. Anderson also explained the policy regarding payment of over-time in cash. He advised that cash reimbursement for overtime authorized in advance and worked may occur only in unusual individual cases where it is shown that compensatory time off from work could not be taken within 90 days.

QUARTERLY CENSUS

G. D. Diehl, Statistician, stated that WRA regulations require a census every three months and the same questions are asked repeatedly in order that errors may be checked. Mr. Diehl desired the aid of the Council in finding a suitable method for taking the next census which is due on the 31st of December.

The Statistician stressed the fact that the law requires the aliens to carry their Alien Registration Cards at all times. He also emphasized that parolees are to apply for leave clearance after being released by the Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welfare

In the matter of lending railroad fare to the inductees, F. Inoshita of the Welfare Committee, stated that he had conferred with M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director. Due to restrictions in the use of WRA funds for loans, it was suggested that the Council investigate the continued use of local Red Cross funds for this purpose.

Mr. Inoshita reported that it was brought to the attention of the Assistant Project Director, that other centers are paying cash for compensatory time.

Health and Sanitation

I. Itani of the Health and Sanitation Committee reported that hospital appointments were made through a card system. He recommended that the clinic schedules be posted in every mess hall and Block Managers' offices in Japanese and English. Also, the patients sit in numbered seats in the order of their arrival to the clinic.

Earl S. Ireland, Hospital Administrator, agreed to make arrangements for fixtures for patients' hats and coats in the clinic waiting room.

The meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sumiko Kurosaki, Acting Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
THIRD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

November 24, 1944
Friday

Conference Room
9:20 a.m.--11:40 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by M. Hayashida, Chairman.

ROLL CALL

All elected Council members present

Minutes of the November 8th Round Table conference were approved as read.

"and also whether a loan agency can be established through the Community Enterprises.", was added to the first paragraph of the Welfare Committee Reports, in the minutes of the November 21st session.

COMMUNICATIONS REVIEWED:

A. Letter from the Milwaukee Nisei Council Regarding Advisability of opening a Hostel in that Section

B. JACL Inviting Representatives to National Conference

Milwaukee Hostel Question

Since the Relocation Office has more data on the number of persons who may desire to resettle in the Milwaukee sector, the letter from the Milwaukee Nisei Council asking advice on the opening of a hostel there was referred to the Relocation Program Officer.

JACL National Conference

Due to the fact that the Japanese American Citizens League is primarily concerned with the Nisei, it was agreed that the Council decline the invitation to send representatives to attend the national conference in Salt Lake City. The matter was referred to the Block Managers.

Food Committee

H. Tenooka of the Food Committee asked for cooperation in the recovery of some 200 "tofu" cans which are missing. He stressed the fact that it will be impossible to continue deliveries until these cans are found.

Judicial Commission

Motion was made by S. Kawano, seconded by S. Kodama, that the next term for Judicial Commissioners commence on the 1st day of December, 1944 and continue until May 1, 1945. Motion was approved and carried.

S. Kodama made a motion, seconded by K. Hoshizaki, that the Food Committee and the Welfare Committee report as to whether it would be feasible to hold a dinner honoring the Judicial Commissioners. Motion was passed.

Induction Ceremony

The next "Send-off" ceremony for the inductees inductees into the Armed Forces is to be held Saturday, November 25. G. Nakaki was appointed to take charge of all arrangements.

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Welfare Appointee

S. Donao was appointed to serve on the Welfare Committee succeeding J. Itaya who has relocated to New Jersey.

C. E. Committee

It was agreed that the Community Enterprises Committee attend C. E. Board meetings only when problems which they wish taken up occur.

The meeting was adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikiko Yamane
Acting Secretary