

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
NINTH SESSION

March 6, 1945  
Tuesday

Conference Room  
9:25 a.m.--11:15 a.m.

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

Attended: Bob Matsura (Block Manager of Block 27)  
Absentees: T. Shoguchi (Block 1) and M. Tsunokai (Block 20)

The minutes of February 27th and March 2nd were approved as read. The minutes of February 28th were corrected to read as follows: "also those Niseis who had applied for the renunciation of American Citizenship should send the Embassy a photographic copy of the renunciation certificate issued by the Department of Justice."

The reports on the all-center conferences which were held in the two mess halls as planned was successful and the third is to be held tonight in mess hall 25-27. Messers Tsunokai, Hayashida, and Akashi will be the speakers.

M. Hayashida stated that the C. A. are unable to sponsor any more Japanese shows or "shi bais" by the order of Mr. Robertson, Project Director. It was reported that the Project Director had stated that he had taken this action in order to encourage Americanization within the center. It was suggested by Z. Saito that the question be discussed with Mr. Robertson, and if it is impossible to secure his approval for the continuance of such programs that a plea be sent to Washington, on the grounds that even the army has found it necessary to educate Niseis in Japanese to fight a successful war. The Issei feel the good cultural background of Japan shouldn't be a hindrance to any one as even the great Universities of this nation are now teaching Japanese courses.

The Council, with the representatives of the Block Managers approved a proposal to have a Round Table Discussion with Mr. Guy Robertson concerning the restriction of "shi bais" and Japanese shows. Miss Kell will also be asked to come to the Round Table Discussion, at 10:00 a.m. to clarify the new clothing allowances.

The C. E. matter was also discussed. M. Hayashida, chairman reported that the Granada Community Council received \$1,000 from the Granada cooperative to use for the expenses of the all-center conference; Boston Community Council had \$4800 in its funds; Winedoke received \$300 from the cooperative; its raise money by sponsoring movies; Rohwer received \$1,550 from the C. E. Lopez received money through contributions.

G. Nakaki was appointed to write a letter to the C. A. Board of Trustees in regards to the traveling expenses of the all-center conference.

The Council was informed that the hospital limited the visitor of patients to one visitor.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kurasaki Acting, Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
EIGHTH SESSION

March 2, 1945  
Friday

Conference Room  
9:30 a.m.--11:15 a.m.

Due to the illness of M. Hayashida, Chairman, S. Fujimoto temporary chairman called the meeting to order.

Attended: Kaz Narita (Blk. 8), Bob Matsuura (Blk. 27) Mr. Fred J. Haller and Earl S. DeSmidt.

Absentee: M. Hayashida (Blk. 8), M. Tsunokai (Blk. 20) F. Inoshita (30)

It was proposed by M. Hayashida through Mr. Fujimoto that a letter of appreciation be sent to Topaz Community Council for their active leadership in the all-center conference. G. Nakaki added that a letter should also be sent by the Study Committee. This proposal was unanimously approved by the Council.

The delegates to the Conference will give reports on the conference on the following dates:

March 3rd Saturday 8-30  
March 4th Sunday 20-27  
March 6th Tuesday 25-27.

Mr. Haller, Chief Project Steward, fully explained the surplus of food situation as it exist in this center. He also stated that there is to be a Conference in Denver with all the Chief Project Stewards to discuss various problems and to arrange that the people in the centers have adequate food supply until the center closes.

He clarified the situation relative to supplies of "Sho you" and green vegetable. He described fully the procedure followed in case of emergencies arising in regards to commissary. He stated that all unemployment due to the closing of the mess halls had been settled.

Mr. Earl deSmidt, Agricultural Relocation Agent, was introduced to the Council, Mr. de Smidt told the Council of the any opportunities in the middle West. The Council was asked to tell those who are interested to contact Mr. de Smidt through Mr. Joe Carroll's office.

The closing of the victory gardens was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Furasaki, Acting Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
TENTH SESSION  
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

March 7, 1945  
Wednesday

Conference Room  
10:20 a.m.--11:45 a.m.

The first Round Table of the Fourth Community Council was called to order by M. Hayashida, chairman.

In attendance were Mr. Guy Robertson, Project Director; Mr. M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director; Miss A. Kell, Social Welfare; Dr. A. T. Hansen, Community Analyst; Mr. S. Nagata, Assistant Community Analyst; Kaz Harita and George Tani, Block Managers' Representatives; C. A. Representatives, Mr. Dave Yamakawa, Assistant C. A. Supervisor and Ed Morihiro, head of the Technical Department and the Council.

Topics for discussion were:

- A. Restricting of "shi bais" and Japanese films in this center.
- B. Clothing Allowances and P. A. Grants.

Mr. Robertson informed the Council that the cancelling of the "shi bais" and the showing of Japanese films through the facilities of the Community Activities Department was intended to discourage things contributing to the Japanese influence and to encourage Americanism, this center being an American institution and not an internment camp for Japanese.

Mr. Hayashida, Chairman, appealed to Mr. Robertson in behalf of the Issei residents in Heart Mountain to permit the continuance of the "shi bais" and Japanese shows for the benefit and entertainment of those Isseis who do not read or understand English, as it is the only type of enjoyment which they understood that they have had since evacuation. He stated this would not affect the youth for only a hand full of youngsters attend these shows and these movies have passed strict examination of the Army and do not show anything which will hinder the process of Americanization of the Nisei. Mr. Robertson stated that he would uphold his decision in order to promote Americanism and discourage the promotion of the Japanese language and ideas within the Center. He advised that the Council could appeal his decision to the Director of WRA.

G. Wakaki suggested that letters be written to the other centers to determine their practice pertaining to this matter. He also stated that a letter of appeal be written to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, if necessary. This was approved by the Council.

The Council asked Miss Kell to explain the clothing allowances policy which affects the older persons in requiring a physical examination and a statement by the principle Medical Officer concerning employability. Miss Kell explained that the reason they must get the signature of a Principle Medical officer was that she must have the official statement of the head of the health department. She explained the necessity of physical examination because many people have relocated and project jobs are now available for employable old people. Children who are in school are considered to be in the dependent class. The older folks who the doctor said can work will be furnished work. Their assignment based on qualification left to the judgement of the employment department. She advised that Public Assistant grants will not be given to people who have enough money to provide for their needs.

The meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m.

S. Kurasaki

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
THIRTEENTH SESSION

March 9, 1945  
Friday

Conference Room  
9:20 a.m.--11:00 a.m.

Due to the illness of M. Hayashida, chairman, M. Tsunokai, vice-chairman, called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Mr. Bob Matsuura (block 27 Manager) Mr. Yamaguchi and Mr. Kodama.

Absentee: M. Hayashida (block 8)

The minutes of March 13th were approved as read.

S. Fujimoto reported that he had conferred with Mr. Fred J. Haller, Project Steward, about the center wide picnic. Mr. Haller indicated that the mess division would cooperate. S. Fujimoto and G. Nakaki were appointed to see Mr. Anderson about the possibility of holding a center wide farewell picnic.

Mr. Yamaguchi stated that 10 men were recruited from this center to work as cooks at the FA camps in Utah. The contract was for six months duration. Most of the men being Issei they were terminated within one month and returned to this center. It has been six months since their employment but as yet have not received their salary. Therefore, he appealed to the Council for aid. The matter was referred to the Legal Committee for further investigations.

It was decided to have a meeting of the Judicial Commissioners and have as observers the police. In regards to the Judicial Commission situation.

Agricultural Committee

T. Uyeda and G. Endo were appointed to be the special agricultural Committee. They will look into the matter of Victory Garden.

G. Nakaki stated that the Community Council should know the trends of thoughts of the Heart Mountain residents in regards to relocation. He suggested that Mr. Carroll be asked to attend the next Round Table meeting to give the Council a clearer view of the situation. It is necessary for the Council always to be informed of the latest trends within the Center. The majority evacuee's views should be the first concern of the Council.

A Round Table Conference will be held Wednesday the 21st at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the relocation with Mr. Carroll.

The regular block meeting will be postponed this week.

The meeting was adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kurasaki

HERMIT MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
TWELFTH SESSION

March 13, 1945  
Tuesday

Conference Room  
9:10 a.m.--11:15 a.m.

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

Absentee: E. Benp (Block 2)

Attended: Bob Matsuura (Block 27 Manager) and T. Takahashi, observer.

The minutes of March 7th and 9th were approved as read.

COMMUNICATIONS REVIEWED:

- A. A memorandum was received from the Block Managers in regards to sending an observer for the C. E. meeting.
- B. The Topaz Directory was received.
- C. M. Hayashida read a copy of a letter written to Masaru Narahara, Chairman of the all-center conference, from Malcolm E. Pitts which pertained to the recommendations sent by the all-center Conference to WRA.

Legal Committee

S. Kawano of the Legal Committee reported that the matter of Judicial Commission was left for further consideration of the Committee.

M. Tsunokai, representative to the C. E. meeting reported that the "shi bais" may be shown through voluntary block basis sponsorship. He also reported on the C. E. meeting, stating that the statements will be written in Japanese as well as in English.

A motion was made by H. Hosaka seconded by K. Hoshizeki that a request be made that the closing of school be extended til this camp closes. This motion was unanimously passed. It was suggested that this center appeal to other centers pertaining to this matter.

A motion was made by S. Fujimoto seconded by H. Hosaka to have a center wide picnic. This motion was unanimously approved.

S. Oshio asked that more food be sent to mess halls for "oyatsu" since the children are getting just one "oyatsu" a day.

George Okaki informed the Council, in regards to the matter of Japanese films and "shi bais" after conferring with Mr. M. O. Anderson, that the Japanese films are to be banned in this Center. He indicated that voluntary participation of residents in other Japanese style activities not nationalistic in character is permissible as heretofore but subject to administrative review.

The meeting was adjourned 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. Kurasaki

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
FIFTEENTH SESSION

March 6, 1945  
Friday

Conference Room  
9:20 a.m.--11:00 a.m.

Due to the illness of M. Hayashida, chairman, M. Tsunokai, vice-chairman, called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Mr. Bob Watsuura (block 27 Manager) Mr. Yamaguchi and Mr. Kodama.

Absentee: M. Hayashida (block 8)

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S. Kurasaki

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
FOURTH SESSION

March 20, 1945  
Tuesday

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

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

ROLL CALL

Attended: Bob Matsura (27 Manager), Judicial Commissioner, observers from the Police force, and Mr. Fujii.  
Absentee: S. Sugita (Block 2<sup>1</sup>).

The minutes of March 1<sup>st</sup> were approved as read.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

- A. A letter was received from Rohwer Relocation Center informing the Council of their present statistics.
- B. A letter was received from the C. A. Technical Department concerning the Japanese pictures shown in this center by them.

Agricultural Committee

G. Ando, Special Agricultural Committee, reported that after he and Mr. Oyeda conferred with Mr. Ingraham, that it was by the order of Mr. Robertson that he closed the Victory Garden. This matter will be taken up tomorrow at the Round Table Conference with Mr. Robertson.

S. Donao described the danger of children playing with fire in this center. Mr. Osaka stated that this matter has been brought to the attention of the Council before, and he has rules and regulations pertaining to this matter. He informed the Council that he will give them a copy of the above regulations.

JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The "Pro" and "con" of the retention of the Judicial Commission was discussed. The main reasons were: "PRO" — The continuance of the Judicial Commission for Juvenile cases; maintenance of law and order within the center should be a responsibility of the evacuees. "CON" — Due to the lack of power, the Judicial Commission should be dissolved since even if the defendant is tried and convicted to a term in jail, he may relocate without being required to serve his sentence according to the new WRA regulations.

A motion was made by S. Donao, seconded by H. Akashi, that a committee be formed to confer with Mr. Robertson to get a clearer view of the procedure for handling cases of relocation of the law or regulations.

The committee was appointed by the Chairman and the Legal Committee. The following men were appointed from the Judicial Commission: Messrs. Roberts, Imogawa, Funabiki and Terui. The Chairman of the Council and the Legal Committee are also included on this Committee. The Committee will meet Thursday morning at the C. A. and will report next Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Council meeting.

The Council was informed by Mr. Fujii that relocatees can only take Defense jobs, domestic jobs and essential war jobs in Chicago area. It was suggested that the residents be informed of this matter.

The meeting was adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kurasaki



HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
 FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
 SECOND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION  
 FIFTEENTH SESSION

March 21, 1945  
 Wednesday

Conference Room  
 10:10 a.m.--11:40 a.m.

The Second Round Table Conference of the Fourth Community Council was called to order by M. Takashida, Chairman. In attendance were: Mr. Guy Robertson, Project Director; Mr. W. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director; Mr. Joe Carroll, Relocation Program Officer; Dr. A. T. Hansen, Community Analyst; Reverend Matsumoto and Reverend Kitagawa.

Topics for Discussion were:

- A. Relocation
- B. Victory Garden (closing of)

Mr. Joe Carroll stated that since last March interviews were taken by the Social Welfare and Relocation Office. These interviews were made to help the evacuees formulate a plan for relocation. These plans are sent to the Community in which the evacuee plans to relocate.

The following, starting March 1, 1944, are the number of families who had had an interview and made application or plans for resettlement in outside community.

March.....	8 families		
April.....	12	"	
May.....	25	"	
June.....	23	"	
July.....	108	"	
August.....	134	"	
September.....	119	"	145 people
October.....	77	"	279 "
November.....	153	"	193 "
December.....	119	"	414 "
January.....	196	"	260 "
February.....	221	"	594 "

In March this year from the 1st to the 15th, 130 families have made plans comprising approximately 200 people represented.

Mr. Carroll also explained to the Council why the 10 men who worked in the WRA camps did not get their pay and why they were terminated. However, the case is now pending and is being settled in Washington.

Mr. Carroll informed the Council that Heart Mountain ranked second in number relocated; Minidoka is first. 4 and 4/10 of the population here has relocated. The most serious problem is the housing situation. Mr. Robertson stated that he has written to Mr. Byer to see if relocated's should use WRA bedding and etc. in temporary hostels until available housing can be secured. He also stated that if 40 or more persons are leaving the camp at one time, going to the same destination, a special car can be chartered.

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The Council asked Mr. Carroll whether men who leave this center for seasonal jobs are called to work in Defense plants when those jobs are finished. Mr. Carroll indicated that it was true. The War Manpower Commission has the power to do so. They are in charge of the whole employment situation and also regulate employment all over the United States. They control all types of work and employment regardless of age. But, the War Manpower Commission will clear for jobs depending on the persons skill, talents, and physical requirements.

Mr. Roberts informed the Council that the C. A. Men sponsor Japanese pictures. However, films are to be censored by the C. A. Department.

#### Victory Garden.

Mr. Robertson advised that the victory garden plot must be returned to the Reclamation Bureau with a cover crop. The retaining of garden will be impossible due to the fact that the water is not available. It will be too expensive to run fire hydrants to irrigate the gardens. He explained that Poston and Gila had the agricultural program because they can finish their program before June 30th, and it is impossible for us to finish such a program by that time.

Reverend Kitagawa and Reverend Matsunaga were introduced to the Council. Reverend Matsunaga expressed his interest in hostels in the West Coast. Reverend Kitagawa informed the Council of the many opportunities in Minneapolis and St. Paul. He stated that there were good employment and very few or no discriminations. He also stated the housing problem there was critical.

The meeting was adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kurasaki.

ALLIANCE FOR ALL RELOCATION PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
SIXTH MONTH SESSION

March 23, 1945  
Friday

Conference Room  
9:15 a.m.--11:35 a.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Attended: T. Takahashi, and Bob Matsuura (27 Manager) and Mr. Toya.

COMMUNICATIONS REVIEWED:

- A. Letter was received from the C. E. Board of Trustees informing the Council of the new Chairmen.
- B. The copies of letters of 21 recommendation of the Conference written to the various Governmental Department in Washington was received from Toya, All-Center Conference office, and the answers were read.
- C. Minutes of all-center conference was received by the delegates.

Mr. Toya

Mr. Toya was introduced to the Council. Mr. Toya stated that he has just returned from the West Coast and gave his point of views on the conditions on the Coast. He stated that he felt no discriminations in the larger cities. Although jobs opportunities are very good and numerous the housing situation is very critical and acute. He informed the Council that business licenses may be obtained, but those who sold their license cannot get another, especially liquor license.

Silver Star

The matter of Mrs. Aoyama receiving the Silver Star for her late son Corporal Aoyama was brought to the attention of the Council by G. Nakaki. The present plan was to make the awarding of the Silver Star in a small gathering at home. The receiving of the Silver Star is a great honor and the residents should pay their respect to Corporal Aoyama for his heroism. The Chairman appointed G. Nakaki to look into this matter.

Picnic

The Council was informed that the administration had approved the proposal for a center wide farewell picnic. The date of the affair is to be May 1st, Sunday. A committee will be formed by M. Hayashida, Mr. Fujimoto and two members from each block. This will be sponsored jointly with the C. A., C. E., Block Managers and the Council.

The meeting was adjourned 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kurasaki

SEABROOK FERN PROJECT  
FOURTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
SEVENTEENTH SESSION

March 27, 1945  
Tuesday

Conference Room  
9:20 a.m.--11:50 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hayasida, chairman.

ROLL CALL

All elected Council members present

Attended: Mr. J. O. Anderson, Mr. Joe Carroll, Mr. Herbert Letts,  
Mr. W. Wechau, Mr. H. Imura and Mr. Kobayashi (27 Manager)  
observer.

The minutes of March 10th and 21st were approved as read.

Silver Star

Mr. Wechau informed the Council that the awarding of the Silver Star to Mrs. Aoyama will take place Sunday night, April 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Special Judicial Commission

Mr. Hayasida reported that the Committee met with Mr. Robertson regarding the Judicial Commission. This will be reported Friday, the 30th at 10:00 a.m. in a joint meeting of the Judicial Commissioners and the Council.

Mr. Anderson was able to postpone the pending trial to a later date tentatively. Mr. Anderson set the trial for next Wednesday, the 14th of April. It is agreed to name the representatives in the preliminary hearing as 2 appointed personnel and 3 evacuees.

Seabrook Fern

Mr. Herbert Letts, executive assistance to the President of the Seabrook Fern, New Jersey, met with the Council and stated that anyone who is interested in going to Seabrook ferns should contact him through Mr. Carroll's office.

Mr. Wechau, of Block 25, will leave for a month and a half to visit the 1st and Eastern seaboard. Mr. Kobayashi will be his proxy during his absence.

Movies

The Council was informed that the C. A. will handle movies and etc. on Sundays for Block Sponsorship for \$30.00 per night.

Editorial

Mr. Wechau and Mr. Imura were invited to discuss the editorial in the Sentinel of March 21st. A prolonged discussion was held and Mr. Wechau explained the misunderstanding. He also suggested that the Council appoint a member of its body to be publicity chairman. The Chairman appointed the Public Relation Committee to coordinate the future relation with the Sentinel.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, S. Yurasaki