

## COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

## DR. T. T. YATABE

Dr. T. T. Yatabe, a dentist by profession and chairman of the Center Council, is an interesting being to know.

One of the original fathers and cradle-rockers of the Japanese American Citizens' League movement, the "ivory hunter" is one of the most able leaders and public speakers to come out of the second generation crop.

Witty and known for his humor which oftens leans good naturedly to the sarcastic, his personality is one that stands out from the crowd. "Doc", as he is known to his many friends, is bold and aggressive in his way, but still retains that certain polish and dignity.

His greatest love, outside of his family, is the JACL---he'll probably go to Heaven with a League pin and the creed.



## IN BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE

The earliest recorded history has shown us that year after year, generation after generation, century upon century, happiness has been one of the prime objectives of human endeavor. From the cave-man days to the present, mankind has been trying to learn how to live and act in the furtherance of his own safety and comfort, and the struggle still goes on.

Here it is several months since our evacuation. Our normal way of living has fallen over a precipice and again we are attempting to try from a scratch. This isn't going to be easy in view of the fact that this condition was brought on through no fault of ours but because of a necessity. How well we meet this situation means the "make or break" of ourselves.

Our objectives in life have been forstalled, and what used to be our objectives seem like a mirage. However we must reassure ourselves that the attainment of the state of happiness even under our present circumstances is not impossible. Like all worthwhile things it must be worked for and striven for with a sustained interest and fixed determination as may be necessary.

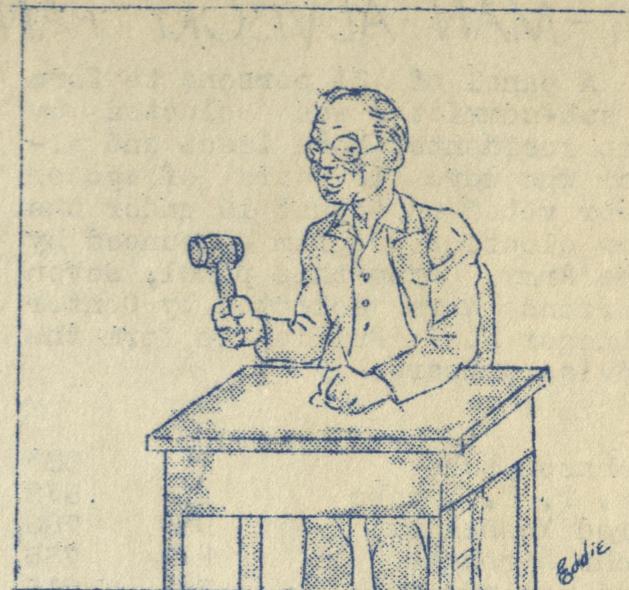
We have many obstacles to surmount, and many of them are within our control. One is the lack of confidence. No matter how much hardships or difficulties we confront, we must not be discouraged. We must prove the confidence placed in us by those who have stood by us in this turmoil.

Another obstacle is selfishness, which is most pernicious in its effect, since it reacts unfavorably toward the exerciser and at the

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The first meeting of the block representatives was held on Monday evening, May 25th, 1942, in the Fresno Assembly Center to formulate the governmental policies of the Center. Each block was entitled to send two representatives to the meeting and although the Executive Board was entitled to five members, only four were elected as blocks J and K were not occupied at that time. Those elected were Dr. T. T. Yatabe, chairman, Johnson Kobo, secretary, and Chorge Kaku and Torao Tsuruda. After J and K sections were occupied, Hugh Kiino was chosen as the fifth member of the Executive Board. E. P. Pulliam, manager of the Fresno Assembly Center, was the chairman of the Executive Board meetings.



A--Torao Tsuruda, James Takahashi; B--G. Takata, Umoichi Honmi; C--Tom Fugita, Major Imai; D--Chorge Kaku, Fred Yoshikawa; E--Rev. Hideo Hashimoto, Dr. T. T. Yatabe; F--Torata Hoshiko, Mrs. Kinu Fujinaga; H--Kaoru Kamikawa, Fred Kumagai; I--Gunzo Miyamoto, Johnson Kobo; J--Masao Umeda, Nobuo Sakamoto; K--Hugh Kiino, Harold Ouchida.

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same time hampers the progress of humanity toward its objectives. To the degree that we live selfishly we are depriving our community life of our contribution towards its natural and orderly development and are imposing on others the dead right of our own inactivity.

By practicing unselfishness we not only serve ourselves by thinking and working for the general good, but we are providing the assurance that the best will come back to us.

The last obstacle on the road to happiness is arrogance. When we ride the high-horse of our own self-esteem and exaggerated pride in an effort to attract the attention of our fellows to our own self-importance, rather than helping, we are interfering with the march of mankind.

In a community such as ours, service is the strongest and most enduring factor. The only real justification for our existence is to serve our day and generation, in other words, to place ourselves at the service of our fellow-beings. Not to see how much we can get out of life but rather to endeavor to put all we can into life and thus merit the greater reward.

Everyone can do something useful. You may have many talents, perhaps only one. Whether it be many or just one, let us put it to work in real earnest. Nothing less than the limit of our strength, our resources and our thoughtful energy will satisfy the demands which confront us at present.

Let us pull and pull together so that we can assist materially in the rehabilitation of our people whose land and homes have been given up for a loyal cause.

--Dr. T. T. Yatabe