

# GILA CO-OP NEWS

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## CO-OP AND EDUCATION

A recent article in the daily Tulean Dispatch entitled "Co-ops hiring evacuees to solve labor shortage" should be of interest to our members. This reveals that large numbers of people in the relocation centers have already found positions in the Regional Co-op Wholesalers that qualified people will be needed in ever increasing numbers. There is a Rockdale principle which says that Co-op should practice neutrality in race, religion, and politics. It is gratifying to know that the Co-ops of America are building this rule into their business.

Let us consider the opportunities that lie in this field. Co-operative Societies in America are increasing by leaps and bounds. Already the annual volume of business through Co-operative exceeds \$600,000,000. The number of members 2,500,000. In 1941 one sixth of all farm supplies was purchased through Co-operatives.

The policy of continuous expansion is being carried out consistently. From the "Co-operative Consumers" a bi-monthly publication of the Consumer Co-operative Association of North Kansas City, Missouri, we learn that five Co-operative Wholesalers have recently purchased the refinery of Globe at McPherson, Kan., for the cool sum of \$5,000,000. This is now the world's largest Co-op refinery. The steady advance into production continues on every front and in manufacturing. Here lies opportunity! One of the largest wholesales is making every attempt to draw its

personnel from the rank of its educated members rather than from outside business. What Co-operatives require is something that will not happen on its own. It means time and effort, study and discussion. A sincere desire on the part of the young people to learn the philosophy of co-operation, and to investigate the practical working of this philosophy in the Gila River Co-op Enterprises. By doing this, they will not only revitalize and expand the benefits they are deriving from its operation at Gila, but they will also lay a foundation for their future in the work of carrying forward the most powerful and peaceful economic movement of the modern war torn world.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Chickens.....  
Negotiations are being carried on at the present time between the Co-op and poultry supplier whereby, if successful, the Co-op will be able to purchase chickens for the residents, announced Bunji Ikonou, general manager. When definite arrangement is made, we will announce when and where orders will be taken.

## NISEI IN CO-OP

What we have pointed out under the subject of CO-OPS AND RELOCATION is borne out under the column "Personnel Changes" from the July 26th issue of THE CO-OPERATOR, a bi-monthly newspaper of the Eastern Co-operative League, with offices in Boston and Philadelphia. We quote herewith:

## SEGREGATION AND PATRONAGE REFUND

With segregation coming up, many of the resident members are quite concerned over what is to become of their patronage refunds. To clear this point, the Co-op is speeding its effort to complete the June 30th financial statement which is almost finished. Just as soon as results of the operations are determined, computation of the individual patronage refund will begin, and the work will be completed in the shortest time possible. We feel confident that arrangements can be made to take care of those affected by segregation or repatriation in time before they leave this center.

## Fresh Fruits

Tentative arrangements have been made to have fresh fruits at the canteens two days of the week, Monday and Thursday. Due to wartime transportation difficulties, it will not be possible to carry a wide variety; however, effort will be made to secure whatever is available, starting with Bunji Ikonou, general manager.

"Fumi Sakamoto, Rockdale Institute student, recently started in the bookkeeping department of Consumers Co-operative Services, New York City."

"Arthur Sasaki, manager of Ramapo Valley Co-op, Ridgewood, New Jersey." End quote.

As you can readily see, here are examples of opportunities in this field for the nisei.



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# 組合と再転住

最近の月刊ツリーアンテスバゲ紙

組合が撤退人を僱傭、勞働者の不足を解決する。

と記載して居たが之は明らかに我等會員の利益であつて、又転住所内多数の人は地方卸商組合に職を見付け又之に適當な資格者需要は常に増加しつゝある事を示すものである。

ロクデルの根本主義に依れば人種の宗教又は政治に關して組合の營業は中立でなくてはならぬと述べてゐる。米國の組合は之の規定を營業の上に築きつゝある事は、現状に於いては、私達はこゝに活動範圍の中に、行機、會の横はつてゐる事を考へませう。

米國に於ける組合團體はとんく拍子に増加してゐる。

組合を通じて行はれる商賣は既に一年に六億弗を超過してゐる。其の會員は二百五十万人に達してゐる。

一九四一年に於ける百姓の耕作必需物購買の六分の一は組合を通じて行つてゐる。組合政策の連續擴張は絶間無く實行されてゐる。ミネソタ州北カンサス市の消費組合聯合で日二回発行してゐる消費組合の記事中に五つの消費卸賣組合は最近カンサス州マクホソンに在るグロブ精練所を正味五百萬丹支拂つて購入した。之は世界第一の組合精練所である。其の生産は確固たる進歩を續けてゐる。

此處に好機會は横はつてゐるのである！

之の最も大きな卸賣商は外部から職人を求めるよりも盛々教育ある會員の中から得る事に努めてゐる。組合自身の上に起らない事で組合の必要とするものは何であるかと言へば其れは時間と努力である。

若き青年達は眞實に組合の根本原理を學び、其の根本原理を比較、消費組合に依つて研究する事を希してゐる。

こうして根本原理を學び研究する事に單に元氣づけなうたり當組合の營業より得る利益の膨張のみでなく、其の初き動乱の世界として

最も強大な平和經濟運動に導く彼等將美の基礎を施すものである。

## 隔離と佛庚金

隔離問題が持ち上ると共に、多数の會員達は佛庚金はどんなになるのであらうかと案じて居る人を見受けますが之に關して明らかにして置き度い事は組合に於きまゝては全力を注ぎ六月三十日財政一覽表の完成に急いで居ります。

運用の結果が決定次第皆個人ぐの佛庚金の計算を初め出来る限り迅速に之を完成致します。若しも當組合の計算が終了しない中に隔離される事になりましたら當組合は確實に整理し、適度のない様に致します。

## 通知

目下當組合は附近の養雞業者から雞を買入れる様交渉中でありますから之が成功すれば當組合は此様の爲に雞を買求める事が出来まます之が確定し、またら受附時間並、場所を報告致します。

## 新鮮果物

試験的に當賣店に於て月曜と木曜日の二日果物を販賣する事に致し、ました。戦時で運輸に困難を来し、色々な種類の物を得る事は出来ませんが有効な物は出来る限り得る様に努力しますと池上總支配人は述べた。

## 組合の二世

フイテルフイヤとホストンとの両市に事務所を持つ東部組合同盟発行に依る日二回発行の「ザコ」ポレリタ紙の人員変更欄の中に左の如く掲載してゐる。

「ラクデル學院の生徒坂本フミは最近紐育市に在る消費組合奉仕の簿記部に就職した。」「ニージン、シリ、リヂワードに在るラマホバレー組合の支配人佐々木アーサー」

此等は二世に對する組合の就職口好機會の二三の例である。