CO-OP NEWS

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A N N O U N C I N G
the first issue of the
CO-OP NEWS!

There are 5400 members in the Co-op. They have invested in it; they depend upon it for goods and services.

It is fitting and proper that they should be kept informed of the plans, the progress and the problems of the establishment that they own and control.

The Co-op News will try to serve several ends. It will explain decisions of the Co-op Congress and of the Board. It will announce changes in operation, new lines of merchandise and services. It will publish members' comments, both critical and favorable. It will outline cooperative methods and purposes.

An editorial board composed of the Executive Secretary, Educational Director, General Manager, the Superintendent will be responsible for this publication. In this as in their other capacities, they will be in the role of trustees of a people's organ.

W H E R E DID C O-O P ORIGINATE AND WHY?

A consumer cooperative is owned and controlled by the people who use its services.

300 years ago a co-op was started in London by a small group of workers. This soon failed as did practically every cooperative during the next 200 years.

In 1844, 26 families organized a cooperative in Rochdale, England adopting at the outset certain principles of organization and operation which proved so successful that most cooperatives since then have followed the same pattern.

Cooperatives using these principles have succeeded so consistently throughout the world that it has been said that "no co-op which follows them can fail, and no co-op which does not follow them can succeed."

Four of these principles are:

1. Open, Voluntary Membership---regardless of race, religion, politics.
2. Democratic Control; one member-one vote.
3. Sales for Cash at Market Prices.
4. Dividends in Proportion to Patronage.

These principles are in operation in Topaz.

PHOTO SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS

A new Co-op service will begin soon to include picture-taking, developing, printing and mounting.

Kinji Utsumi has been designated "assistant official photographer" and is in charge. He was formerly a professional photographer in Oakland.

A darkroom has already begun operation in the northeast corner of the Ad. Canteen. So far it has been completely occupied in developing and printing pictures for the high school yearbook.

Materials have been ordered for a studio but so far priorities have proved a stumbling block. Until a studio is set up only outside pictures with a plain background will be taken.

A date will be announced soon when appointments for pictures will be made. Prices will be announced at the same time.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Questions on any phase of the Co-op can be mailed to the office or left with the managers of the stores.

Each week, this section will be devoted to answering questions.

Question: Why only one movie now?

Answer: Although the Co-op owns four movie projectors, only one is in operation at present. The other three are lacking repair parts which require high priority ratings. Attempts are being made to secure these ratings.

Question: What is the Board of Operations and how does it differ from the Board of Directors?

Answer: The Board of Directors formulate policies of our Co-op.

The Board of Operations is composed of all store managers and department managers.

The Board of Operations carries out these policies. It serves as a "clearing house" of ideas and suggestions. It discusses various problems of management.

D U S T S T O R M S

This space will be allotted each week to comments, questions or criticisms of the Co-op, its policies, its operations. Members may leave their letters with the manager of any store, at the Co-op office, Rec. #26, or mail them in.

Rules

1. 100 words or shorter.
2. No politics or religion.
3. Letters must be concerning the Co-op.
4. No libelous remarks; no violations of WRA rules on publication.
5. Writers must sign true name and address. Upon request, an assumed name will be shown with the article.

Address your letters to "The Co-op News." Write in! And don't spare the horses!

コーオプ・ニューズ　発刊の辞

トパーズ消費組合の報道機関として、『コーオプ、ニューズ』を発行する計画は予ねてより樹てられて居たが、其の後幾多の事情に妨げられ之が実現を見るに至らず、茲に今日に及んだ。既にミネオグラフ器の装備を見、一方非常は組合の事務、営業執営、発行の急務なるを感じ、愈々不過から之に手を染めることになった。コーオプの一般的動きを報道、お互ひの意思疎通を図ると同時に、コーオプの理論的方面をも加へ、共存共栄の実を挙げ様―と云ふのが吾人の念願である。

現在、トパーズ消費組合は會員五十四百を算し、是等會員に理事会、コングレスの決定事項を報告、運営上に於ける方針の変動、新入荷品目の大体を傳ふることは、蓋し組合の義務だと信ずる。

コーオプ、ニューズは右述の如き各事項報道の任に当ると共に、紙面の一部を公開して、會員諸君の忌憚なき批評欄とし、希望をも開きたい意向である。之を要するに「コーオプ、ニューズ」は、諸君の機関である。

「コーオプ、ニューズ」創刊号発行所

消費組合事務所
（レック二十六）

問答欄

此の欄は、コーオプを続る質疑に応答する為めに設けられたものである。コーオプ内の事情に對し質疑を有する人は、郵便によるか、又は自ら質問状を携行、賣店支配人の手許に届けて頂きたい。

問、現在活動写真が一ヶ所丈でしか上映されて居ぬ理由はどうなのですか。

答、コーオプ映画部では映写器四台を所持してゐるのですが、使用中なのは一台のみで、他の三台はパート品が無い為めに使用に躊躇えません。戦時プライオリティーの為めパートの入手が困難なのです。目下プライオリティー獲得の手続中ですから遠からず解決の見込みです。

問、営業従員會と理事會の差違は何處にあるのでせうか。

答、理事会は営業上の政策を建設する機関です。理事会で決定せる政策を実施に移すのが営業従員会で各部々長賣店支配人を以て横成されて居ります。従員会は云はゞ理事会に対する諮問機関であります。

問、消費組合の発生した所以と其の誕生地の歴史は。

答、消費組合運動の歴史は三百年の前に遡る。初めて姿を見せたのは英の倫敦だが不幸失敗、爾来三百年間は之れ失敗の歴史で、一八四四年に至り、英のロッチデールで初めて奏効。此處で採用された政策は消費組合のバイブルと記はれるに至り此の政策に據つたものは悉く成功して居ると云はれる。トパーズ消費組合も亦此の政策を採り骨子たの如くである。

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二、民主的監理
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投書箱

コーオプの政策、営業方針其他色々の点で、御意見附きのことがあったら、批評又は注文を見せたのは英の倫敦だが不幸失敗爾来三百年間は之れ失敗の歴史で、一八四四年に至り、英のロッチデールで初めて奏効。此處で採用された政策は消費組合のバイブルと記はれるに至り此の政策に據つたものは悉く成功して居ると云はれる。トパーズ消費組合も亦此の政策を採り骨子たの如くである。

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待望の「写真部」近く店開き

コーオプでは、愈々近く写真部を開業することになった。先般来、既に撮影所の設定工作を進め、ダークルーム、ニストレーション、キャンティーン建物の東北隅である。アポイントメント並に撮影料等の詳細は追って発表の予定だが、撮影技師としては、多年主府内海氏が其の任に当ることに決定してゐる。写真撮影所正式に店開きの際は大いに一般の渇を医すに足らう。

投書は、郵便でもよく、又、事務所（レック二十六）各賣店支配人手許に迫て届けて頂けば結構です。

投書條件

投書の際は左の規定を遵守して下さい。

一、百語以内ノコト
二、政治的宗教的題材ハ厳禁ノコト
三、添ベテ問題ハ消費組合ノコトニ関聯スルモノタルコト
四、WRAノ発表物ニ関スル規定ニ反則セヌモノ、又人身攻撃的内容ノ非ザルコト、
五、投書ニハ本人ノ姓名、アドレスヲ明記ノコト、但シ紙上デハ別名デモ可。

TO ALL CO-OP MEMBERS:

A Committee proposal is now in the air that sales in certain departments of the Co-op handling so-called luxury goods, namely, part of dry goods, Hardware, Groceries (including candy, pastries, ice cream, and soft drinks), Fruits, with the exception of oranges (thanks to the Committee) and Vegetable, and Fish be suspended immediately.

It seems that tobacco and cigarettes also included; they are luxury goods. However, such a proposal should be duly considered in the light of true existing facts and the inevitable consequences that may follow in its wake. More particularly is it vital that such a proposal be viewed with reserved and rational attitude and certainly it should not be left to the more whim based upon bias and personal opinion of the passing time. It can not be too strongly overemphasized that this matter affecting a large population as in this center should be studied in this atmosphere of attitudes, and especially is it true in facing this question.

Therefore, in order to have this problem more fully considered, the points which should not be overlooked are hereby presented for your study:

1. Many of the so-called luxury items are received by the Co-op under a distribution quota basis whereby the Co-op is alloted the quota of only 1/4 of the 1942 sales made by the Co-op for the particular item. Since the wartime stringencies are increasing each day and if at any time the Co-op purchases from the wholesalers are cancelled, the difficulty of renewing the quota at the later date will be insurmountable. Another point which must be recognized is that only a dwindling supply will be available for the Co-op as time progresses without going into the trouble of immediate cancellation, because the quota allotment for each year will be based upon the actual sales of the preceding year.

2. Even if the sales of the so-called luxury items are discontinued, the colonists will most likely continue to obtain them through other sources such as friends outside and mail order stores. This will mean that the colonists will be paying higher prices for the benefit of the people outside, whereas if the items are distributed through the Co-op, discounts from bulk purchases and the patronage refunds are made available to the colonists here.

3. If the various departments mentioned above are closed, the financial status of the Co-op will be seriously affected. For these 5 departments, last month sales amounted to $67,176.58. For the same period, the sales from all departments amounted to $110,356.67. The remainder amounted to $43,179.69. The income for sales are one of the most important items in the revolving fund which is utilized in meeting any liabilities that may become due in the course of business and also in making cash payments for advanced purchases. The Co-op has been rather fortunate in being able to stock on credit some of the items now sold in these five departments, for the sales from these items amount to considerable sum and do materially strengthen the position of revolving fund. Furthermore, a fact must be accepted as one of the basis business principles that even though there may be curtailment of income from these five departments, there will not be a proportionate decrease in the total overhead expenses for the Co-op as a whole. In such a case $43,179.69 will be too insufficient an income to operate the Co-op; thus, an immediate discharge of nearly 100 Co-op employees becomes inevitable.

4. When the Co-op finance is subjected to such a difficulty, it will become highly questionable whether the Co-op could be able to honor the outstanding Certificates of Indebtedness.

5. Indisputably it must be admitted that everyone in this Center is sincerely hoping for a speedy solution of the present conditions and thinking that a solution must come. If such a solution becomes true in the near future, the time will eventually arrive again when the people will be more able to afford some of the things used in comforting our lives in this Center, which has been otherwise very much dull and sullen from the beginning.

Therefore, in order that we may have consolation in the future for whatever action you may take today, we must think ------ -----
THINK TWICE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TULE LAKE COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.
717-A WRA Tule Lake Project
Newell, California

PERSONNEL FILE

NAME _____ FAMILY NO. _____ DATE _____

PROJECT ADDRESS _____ BIRTHPLACE _____ AGE ___

SEX _____ MARRIED _____ SINGLE _____ DEPENDENTS: UNDER 18 ____
OVER 18 ____

HOME ADDRESS _____

LOCAL REFERENCES

NAME	ADDRESS

OUTSIDE REFERENCES

NAME	ADDRESS

EDUCATION

	Years		Years
GRAMMAR		VOCATIONAL TRAINING	
HIGH SCHOOL		CO-OP EDUCATION	
COLLEGE		CO-OP WORK	

WORK EXPERIENCE

POSITION	YEARS' EXPERIENCE	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS

TYPE OF WORK DESIRED	QUALIFICATIONS
1	
2	
3	
4	

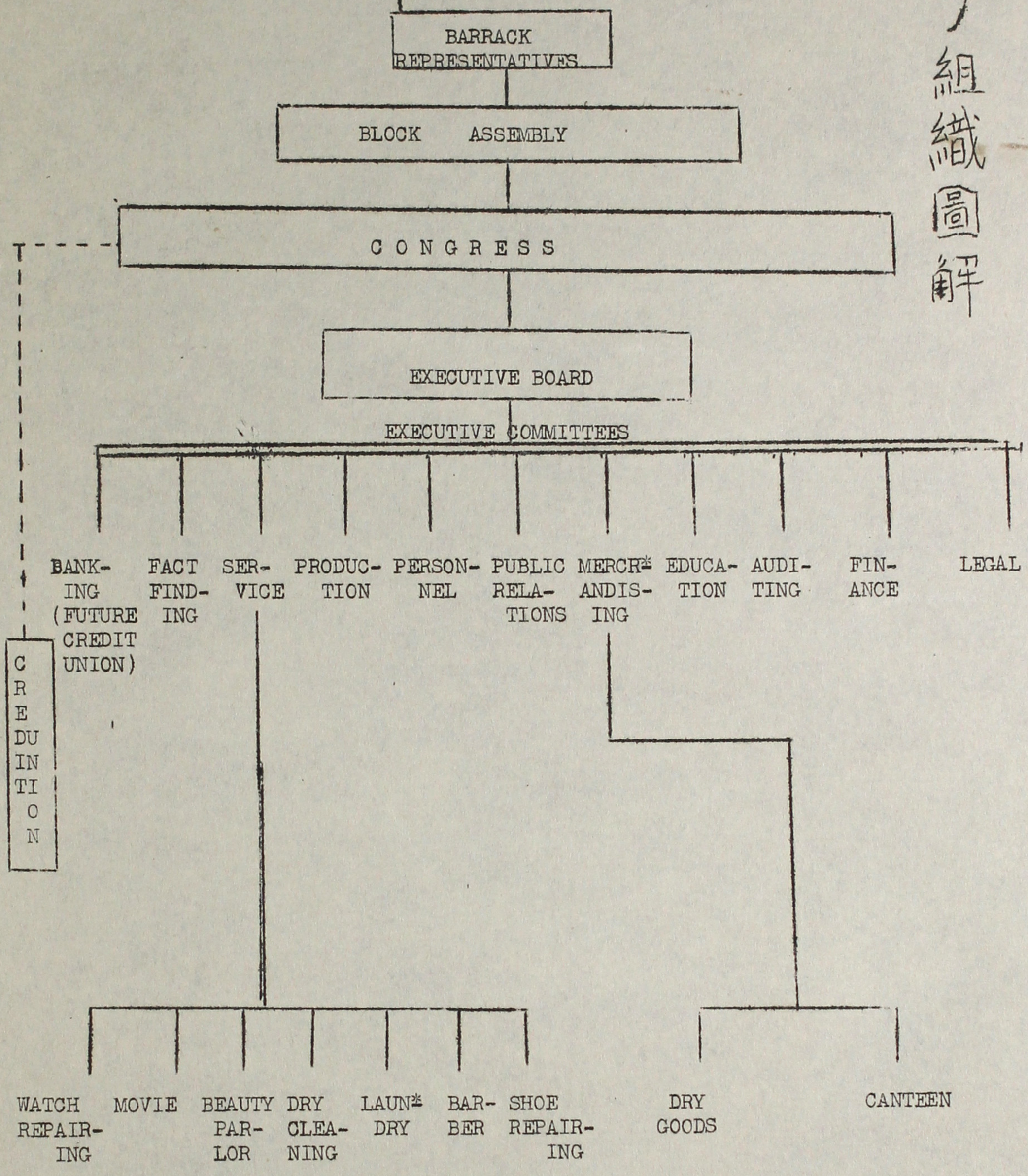
ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

NAME	LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP	POSITION HELD	TERMS

ADDITIONAL REMARKS:

DIAGRAM of TOPAZ CONSUMER CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES

コープ組織圖解



BARRACK REPRESENTATIVES - Two from each barrack to form Block Assembly.

BLOCK ASSEMBLY - - - - Block Assembly consists of twenty four representatives, having two from each barrack. Block Assembly sends two delegates to Congress. They shall be called "Congressmen".

CONGRESS - - - - - - Congressmen elect fifteen members to the Board of Directors among themselves, to direct operation of Consumer Enterprises.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - - - Board of Directors appoint Executive Committees for eleven departments, as shown in diagram. Each department has own chairman to execute duties entrusted in it. Chairman of the department may appoint sub-committee to facilitate operation of its department.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT