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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona  
December 28, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR Project Director, Mr. Wade Head  
FROM Poston Cooperative Congress

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum presented to us from the Legal Department of Division I in reference to future operations of the community stores and to which we hereby make numerical suggestions or comments:

1. The Congress recommends the following persons be appointed by you in place of the present Board of Trustees:

UNIT I	Kuniji Inagaki	- Blk. 19-7-B	NCitizen
	Mastane Mitani	11-1-A	"
	Edward Cuchi	30-3-C	Citizen
	Leo Hanako	35-11-B	"
	Henry Odagawa	2-2-B	"
UNIT II	S. Shimotsuka	213-	NCitizen
	H. Yoshida	221-	Citizen
	T. Natsume	222-	"
UNIT III	Sam Amano	328-5-D	"
	Y. Fukutome	308-4-C	NCitizen
	F. Shirasawa	326-14-B	"

2. Mr. R. G. Fister has advised us of purchase and exchange of the present cash registers in the stores for receipt-giving ones; they being due here sometime this week.

3. The Congress accepts these recommendations excepting "B", and in its place, the following sentence be placed:

That all evacuee residents and their children of Poston be considered as members of the Community Enterprises, giving anyone the right to voluntarily withdraw, if he or she desires.

We sincerely request your approval of the memorandum attached, as changed hereon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Masatane Mitani*

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(Notes in Japanese translated to English)

Meeting (5th)

Unit I Delegates of the Cooperative Congress  
December 5, 1942--2:00 p.m.  
Block #36 Recreation Hall

Attendance--27 delegates  
Absence----- 8 delegates

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Date Answered		

Mr. Yokota, the newly elected delegate of Block #60, was introduced to the congress by Mr. M. Mitani.

Present chairman, Mr. Mitani, announced his resignation and that he will be fully occupied with the Labor Relations Committee hereafter and would like to relieve his responsibility. However, his desire was to remain as one of the delegates and devote his efforts toward the embodiment of the Consumer's Cooperative Association. Further-more his personal request was that for his successor he would like to recommend Mr. Inagaki of Block #19.

The congress recognized the resignation and the meeting was turned over to Mr. Edward Ouchi, vice chairman, who conducted the election of chairman. No other nominations were made and Mr. Inagaki was elected as chairman unanimously.

**Report of Mr. Katsumura:**

The membership drive has shown a splendid result up to date. The total subscribers of Unit #1 are 3,907 which are about two third of the eligible voters, however, this does not include 3 blocks which has not reported their results yet.

Mr. Rosman, W.R.A. official and also a cooperative expert from Washington, attended the meeting accompanied by Mr. Fister. Mr. Rosman gave a speech on the organization of consumers cooperative and also its importance. Later a question and answer period was provided and a thorough discussion was made on this matter which enlightened the future steps to be taken by the delegates.

Note: The speech and also questions and answers will be kept in separate record.

Resolutions:

1. The Study Group Committee meeting of this week will be postponed.
2. The next meeting of the Cooperative Congress will be held on Saturday, December 12, 1942.
3. The Coordinating Committee will meet with Mr. Wade Head and recommend Mr. Eddie Yamato as the Consumers Cooperative Project Coordinator on December 7, 1942 at 9:30 a.m.
4. The By-law Committee will meet and discuss the organizing steps with Mr. Rossman in the very near future.
5. All approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cooperative Congress.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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(Notes in Japanese translated to English)

Meeting (6th)

Unit I Delegates of the Cooperative Congress  
December 12, 1942---2:00 p.m.  
Block #36 Recreation Hall

Attendance---25 delegates  
Absence-----10 delegates  
Chairman-----Mr. K. Inagaki

Report of Mr. Henry Katsumura:

The subscribers to the Consumers Cooperative Association has shown excellent results. The following numbers of subscribers were recorded up to date.

Over 16 years of age:  
Unit #1.....4106  
Unit #2.....2079  
Unit #3.....1450  
Total 7635  
Under 16 years of age:  
Unit #1.....297

Report of Chairman:

The following report was made concerning the application for the Charter of Incorporation.

The 3 Unit Cooperative Coordinating Committees met with Mr. Rossman and made a thorough discussion on legal matters. However, the steps of incorporation was the main subject and many minor points were clarified. Also the incorporators, which are advisable to be American citizens, were decided upon. However, Mr. Shirazawa of Unit #3 requested that he would like to determine the incorporators of Unit #3 after calling a Unit Coordinating Committee meeting.

An application form for the Charter was drawn by Mr. Masuda of the Legal Dept. and the incorporators are to appear before him and complete the form by signing their names and have it notarized on Dec. 14, 1942. After this is done the application will be presented to Mr. Wade Head,

which with his authorization, will be sent to Washington D.C. This would be the final step in the incorporation.

The names of the incorporators are as follows:

Unit #1	Edward Ouchi Henry Odagawa Ernest Kozuma
Unit #2	Kenzo Yoshida Johnson Shimizu
Unit #3	Sam I. Amano Sam I. Ueno

Report of Chairman: Regarding the employment of Mr. Eddie Yamato

A recommendation was sent to Mr. Wade Head some time ago for the appointment of Mr. Eddie Yamato as the Consumers Cooperative Project Coordinator, however, no attentions were brought to this matter and has caused many confusions. To clarify this matter, the Coordinating Committee again met with the Project Director on December 7. At this time he promised the appointment of Mr. Eddie Yamato on the condition that a new recommendation be present to him signed by the Congress Chairman of all 3 units.

A new recommendation was drawn and signed by Messrs. Inagaki, Doi, Shirazawa of Unit 1, 2, and 3, respectively. However, due to the absence of Mr. Wade Head, the matter was postponed again. It was decided that the appointment will take place after his return on December 14. Meanwhile the committee feared the possible delay of work without the Project Coordinator. Therefore, in order to prevent this inconvenience the committee consulted Mr. Mathieson and Mr. Fister, and with their understanding the committee asked Mr. Eddie Yamato to report for work.

Report of Mr. Eddie Yamato:

The discussion with Mr. Fister has clarified the following points:

1. The new cash registers, which issue receipts, were ordered by wire and is anticipated it will arrive by Jan. 1, 1943.
2. The present cash registers on rental and rental purchasing bases will be returned. There will be additional new machines, however, it is estimated that the expenses will be less.
3. The present surplus fund could be distributed to the residents in proportion to their patronage for the next 6 months. However, the funds might be taxable, which is due next June, and we should make further studies and investigations on this matter.

Report of Mr. Henry Odagawa:

The By-law Committee together with the Coordinating Committee of Unit 2 and 3 met with Mr. Rossman on Dec. 9. Also in the afternoon the Finance and Merchandise Committees met with Mr. Rossman and the following matters were discussed.

1. Mr. Rossman, accompanied by Mr. Fister, visited Phoenix to inquire about the receipts issuing cash registers which will be used in the future by the cooperative store. 9 new machines will be added to the present number, however, it is estimated that the expenses involved will be less.
2. The present accounting system is not satisfactory in the operation of the cooperative store. Changes must be made to eliminate errors and misunderstandings, which occurs very easily. The new changes will not require any additional expenses.
3. Arrangements will be made for an accountant to come and aid with setting up the cooperative books. However, this is not certain as yet. Mr. Rossman will also return in mid January and work without accounting department.
4. The store employees are absolutely restricted from serving on the Board of Directors.
5. There is a possible chance that we unit and cooperate with the other relocation centers, if necessary place buying agents at various localities to pool our orders together ordering directly from the manufacturers in getting goods. This will enable the store to supply goods at a very low price.
6. It was suggested by Mr. Rossman that it is desirable to use the present surplus fund as the revolving fund of the newly organized cooperative store and distribute the fund at the time of dissolution according to a satisfactory manner.

The Administrative Instruction states that the surplus fund must be handled according to the wish of the people. Further study on this matter and also the problems of membership fees were to be discussed by the By-law and Membership Committees.

Announcements:

1. The 4th 3 unit Coordinating Committee Meeting will be held on Dec. 14, 1942, 2:00 p.m. at Blk #36 Recreation Hall.
2. The application for the Charter of Incorporation will be signed and notarized at Ad #1 Legal Dept. on Dec. 14, 1942, 3:00 p.m.

Resolutions:

1. Due to the small office staff and comparatively large amount of work, Mr. Ouchi and Mr. Tazawa will voluntarily aid the staff until the organization is completed.
2. The 7th meeting of the Delegates of the Cooperative Congress will be held at Block #36 Recreation Hall on Dec. 19, 1942, 2:00 p.m.
3. The 5th Study Group Committee meeting will be postponed.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 p.m.

List of Names serving on the various committee of the Cooperative Congress, Unit #1

1. Finance and Audit

Chairman-----Ernest Kozuma (Blk 26)  
Secretary-----Masuo Fujii (Blk 15)  
Staff-----Edward Morimoto (Blk 27)  
                  Yasuie Yokota (Blk 60)  
                  Edward Ouchi (Blk 30)

2. Constitution and By-law

Chairman-----Henry Odagawa (Blk 2)  
Secretary-----Mitsuo Sanbonmatsu (Blk 39)  
Staff-----Masatane Mitani (Blk 11)  
                  Magisa Mizushima (Blk 45)  
                  Noboru Takaki (Blk 3)

3. Merchandise

Chairman-----Suyekichi Amano (Blk 36)  
Secretary-----Yaetaro Mohri (Blk 31)  
Staff-----Kensei Takayama (Blk 21)  
                  Sukesaburo Tsukamoto (Blk 46)  
                  Frank Deguchi (Blk 18)

4. Education

Chairman-----Kazuto Sagara (Blk 13)  
Secretary-----Roy Tazawa (Blk 14)  
Staff-----Kenji Nakane (Blk 42)  
                  Kitaro Endo (Blk 32)  
                  Nobutaro Fujimoto (Blk 17)

5. Membership

Chairman-----Masaharu Hane (Blk 16)  
Secretary-----William Fukuda (Blk 22)  
Staff-----Harry Okahara (Blk 6)  
                  Risuke Muramatsu (Blk 43)  
                  Saiji Ota (Blk 54)

6. Personnel

Chairman-----Kikutaro Nishimoto (Blk 53)  
Secretary-----Kuniji Inagaki (Blk 19)  
Staff-----Niichiro Sakamoto (Blk 44)  
                  Seikichi Iwashita (Blk 38)  
                  Roy Yoshida (Blk 5)  
                  *Léo Hamako (Blk 35)*

7. Grievance

Chairman-----Reigu Miyada (Blk 37)  
Secretary-----Kanyemon Gotori (Blk 4)  
Staff-----Jutaro Hamagiwa (Blk 28)  
                  Jimmy Miyata (Blk 59)  
                  Jimmy Yoshimura (Blk 12)

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Meeting (7th)

Delegates of the Cooperative Congress  
December 21, 1942--2:30 p.m.  
Block 36 Recreation Hall

Attendance---24 delegates  
Absence-----12 delegates  
Chairman-----Mr. K. Inagaki

\*Minutes of the 6th meeting of the Cooperative Congress was presented by Mr. Katsumura and was approved without any corrections or additions.

\*Messrs. Jimmy Ito, Frank Tanaka and Bob Uragami of the Community Council (Business Enterprise Committee) was introduced to the Congress by the chairman, Mr. Inagaki. They have come to observe the meeting.

\*Mr. Masuda of the Legal Dept. was present to iron out the technical difficulties and other legal problems, which may occur during the conversion of the present system of the Community Enterprise. The following points were discussed:

1. In what form or steps will the present Board of Trustees resign from office.
2. What sort of steps will be necessary for the Board of Directors of Cooperative Association to take when replacing the position of the Board of Trustees.
3. The Board of Directors of the Cooperative Association will operate, with the cooperative principles applied, under the present Trust Agreement.
4. All residents over 16 years of age will automatically become a member of the Cooperative Association.
5. The disposal of the present store assets will be decided by the vote of the people. Considering the possible objections and misunderstandings rising from the residents, further studies should be made on this matter.
6. To set up the necessary machinery for the purpose of tabulating patronage dividends.

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7. The application form for the Charter of Incorporation was completed some time ago. However, it was not filed yet and will be retained until all other necessary arrangements are made and fulfilled. Mean-while the store will operate under the provisions of the Trust Agreement.

8. The problems of whether the store should operate under the present Trust Agreement or should incorporate under the District of Columbia Law will be decided by the people and will be presented to them in the form of a referendum.

**Resolutions:**

As suggested by Mr. Masuda the Cooperative Congress will have an open discussion with the Law Dept. staff, Administrative staff involved and also the Board of Trustees on December 23, 1942.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.

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Meeting (8th)

Delegates of the Cooperative Congress

December 26, 1942--2:00 p.m.  
Block #36 Recreation Hall

Attendance-----30 delegates  
Absence----- 5 delegates  
Chairman-----Mr. K. Inagaki

The minutes of the 7th Congress meeting was read by Mr. Katsumura and was approved without any corrections or additions.

The recommendation made by the Legal Dept, inreference to the future operation of the community stores, was introduced by Mr. Ouchi, vice-chairman. Later a thorough discussion was made and the congress decided to accept the recommendation excepting "B", and in its place, the following sentences was placed:

That all evacuee residents and their children of Poston be considered as members of the Community Enterprises, giving anyone the right to voluntarily with-draw, if he or she desires.

Note: The recommendation will be kept in a separate record.

A resolution was passed that the Congress will recommend Messrs. Masuda, Yamamoto and Tamura as the Legal Advisors to the newly elected Boards of Trustees.

The following three nisei and two issei were elected by the Congress as the new Board Trustees. Later they will be recommended for appointment to the Project Director, Mr. Wade Head, to replace the present Board of Trustees.

Nisei-----Edward Ouchi  
Henry Odagawa  
Leo Hamako

Issei-----Masatane Mitani  
Kuniji Inagaki

The following persons were elected as the new Coordinating Committee:

Niichiro Sakamoto  
Jutaro Hamagiwa  
Suekichi Amano  
Nagisa Mizushima

Resolution:

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The 9th meeting of the Coop Congress will be held on January 9, 1943  
at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 p.m.

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Joint Coop Congress Meeting  
December 23, 1942

RECEIVED AGR. & INDUSTRIES JAN 14 1943	Name	Mathew Ham
	Initial	Ham
	Date Answered	
	Give a brief review	

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Mitani. Mr. [unclear] on what Mr. Haas would speak to the Coop Congress today.

Mr. Haas: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Coop Congress of Unit I, Representatives of Coop Congress from Unit II and III, and Friends:

I am happy to meet you all. This is the first time I have met the Coop Congress from Unit I. As a Project attorney, shortly after the regulation were issued setting up your election, I was asked by the San Francisco Regional Office to go to San Francisco and help in the work there and later to spend a few days assisting the Project Attorney in Manzanar. You, therefore, have met for several meetings before I heard exactly what you had been doing.

Before I left for San Francisco, you left with me a draft of By-laws which had been left, I believe, by Mr. Perkins and which he thought would be helpful in setting up a Cooperative. I told Rev. Mitani that on my trip, I would take time to read these By-law and I did. In my opinion, after studying these By-laws, there was much to be desired. I did not approve these By-laws; however, I submitted them to the Regional Attorney who had been carefully studying Cooperatives, Mr. Edward Ferguson, who was in charge of the legal work for all the Projects in this region which includes Manzanar and Oils and several other Project, and he had a staff of attorneys who were helping them in his work. And not only did the Regional attorneys read it, but a staff of attorneys whose sole job was to study Cooperatives. Both of these attorneys, Mr. Ferguson and his aide immediately agreed with me that these By-laws were not very good.

Let me recall one other thing which happened before I left. At the request of a group which had been very much interested in Cooperatives, I attended a meeting, Rev. Mitani and I think several others were present.

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At that time, I was shown or at least I was told of a proposition to have four cooperatives, one for each unit: one for Unit 1, one for Unit 2, and one for Unit 3. And another cooperative whose sole job it was to purchase for the other three cooperatives. I explained to this meeting, I believe, that one cooperative in which each unit had considerable local autonomy or power might be forced and I was going to see if we could not do it that way. If such a cooperative could be devised and it would be less expensive and it would be more coordinated. It would be a better thing for all concerned. You would be able to use accountants, you would be able to have common purchases, you wouldn't have to file so many reports, you wouldn't have to pay so many fees and there would be many other reasons, that you would be able to have a good sound cooperative if the people of Units 1, 2, and 3, had one cooperative. I made several other suggestions, among them was that if a cooperative was desired by the people of Poston, the District of Columbia Act to be represented the best Act under which the people of Poston could file incorporation papers. And I left with this committee a copy of a study for a laymen of the District of Columbia Act so that they could understand provisions which a committee of which I was a member had drafted a year or so ago. I want to emphasize that, as there are some members who have through some misunderstanding had the idea that I was opposed to Cooperatives. I want to point out what what some of you know, I have been a member of a Cooperative, a very important cooperative for 8 or 9 years. I have been active in an Association which has sponsored cooperatives; furthermore, I am a believer in cooperatives. However, I have consistently maintained that I am not to decide and none of us are to decide what type of organization the Poston residents should have.

It is up to the residents of Poston to decide within the WRA rules what type of business organization they have. Even suggestions like the one I made in response to questions that there should be in my opinion, one cooperative rather than four and that cooperative should be under the District of Columbia Act. That what I stated was merely a suggestion and that it was up to the people here to decide so long as they follow the WRA rules and we are bound to follow the WRA rules. I stated, however, I felt that Poston was one, that the people of community 1, 2, and 3's interests were the same and that all should try to use their brains and ability for the good of all the community. Let me emphasize one other point and then we are going to carry on down to the present rather quickly so you can ask me questions, if there is any point in which you are not clear. I believe however that the people of Poston should know the facts on which they could properly make a decision. One of these facts are or is rather, relative laws which might in none way interfere with their carrying out any laws or rules of the type of organization they wish. For that reason when certain statements were made about cooperatives which I thought were factually untrue in relation to law or facts when I was asked about these things, I branded them as I conceived them to be, frankly and fearlessly and I intended to do so for the good of the people of Poston as I see it. For example, one of the men who have discussed cooperatives, whom I believe was a sincere man, Mr. Perkins, stated that the Frozen Fund Act did not apply to Cooperatives. I was at a meeting at which that statement was made in which the differentiation was made between the Community Enterprise's Trust Agreement and the Cooperatives. I stated that that statement was not true, in my opinion as a lawyer, and that the people of this community should not be told that fact. Furthermore, statements were made that if cooperatives were put in force here, the price would go

way down. Now if a cooperative were established and the prices did not go down, it would hurt the cause of the cooperative. The other was a legal question. I stated, however, that in my opinion under the WRA rules which requires prevailing prices, the price would not go down if cooperatives were established. I have given some illustrations here. I have gone into detail in a number of points to show misunderstandings. The misunderstandings between people who all desire to do the best for the community are not conducive to the best possible type of organization. Until these misunderstandings are cleared up, very often the best actions are not taken. The cooperative experts in San Francisco Regional Office, Mr. Larry Collins, came down here and said as a strong believer in Cooperatives to the Administrative authorities, Mr. Head included,--he wrote a memorandum to Mr. Head--"I am sorry about these misunderstandings. I think the first job before you organize a cooperative here is to clear up these misunderstandings." The Solicitor who is chief counselor of WRA and the Regional Attorney also stated to me that the Washington office and the Regional Office were drafting model By-laws and studying which type of By-laws would be best adapted for a good cooperative; and also studying various things like taking up matters with the Treasury Department, in order to see that the legal matters, of which there were numerous, could be properly presented. They were particularly concerned because before these papers were prepared, Manzanar filed with the California State Authorities, By-laws for Cooperatives, of which some of these laws and others were not going to be as suitable for the people as if they had been studied a little longer and submitted by the solicitor and special lawyers, were sent to Manzanar and I was one of them; and also several lawyers in Washington and San Francisco had been working on some of the problems caused because the papers had been filed too quickly in Manzanar. Now, if you have any friends in Manzanar interested in the Cooperative movement, you might write to them and find out.

I mention these facts so that in addition to clearing up misunderstandings, there are many legal practical problems involved with cooperatives in connection with the Relocation Centers, which were never involved previously in other types of cooperatives and the lawyers of the WRA have been very busy working not only with the cooperatives matters but with many other problems. I, myself, spend one fraction of my time or one tenth of one percent of my time on cooperatives since I have been here. Maybe that was an exaggeration.

Now, when I returned from San Francisco and having received instructions from the lawyers and also the head of the Regional Office on cooperatives, I saw Rev. Mitani and told him I did not think much of Mr. Perkin's cooperative and I asked Mr. Masuda shortly afterwards to make a study and if he would please devote whatever time was necessary to get him familiar with the cooperative and if there were any problems to give every legal assistance desired by the Coop Congress or by others in working out some of these problems. In the meanwhile we both hoped that the Administrative authorities would help evacuees who had this great problem of cutting down on any misunderstandings which had existed before and which continues to exist even now. I believe that we are all indebted to Mr. Masuda, and I personally want to express my thanks for the work he had done. He, too, has been very busy with other problems which were connected with the evacuees. Mr. Masuda has untiringly devoted his time helping in every way and I think that he had done a splendid job. I think all of you have a responsibility to try to continue to clear up any misunderstandings that exist so that all will work equitably and co-operatively together, because one of the main meanings of the word "cooperative" is that we work together. We, of the Administrative staff, will to the limit of the time and ability, help in every way we can. Mr. Yamamoto and Mr. Tamura have also been active in helping solve the problems of the Community Enterprises. They have been rendering very valuable services.

Mr. Masuda after talking with several of the evacuees working with your Congress, some of your Coop leaders, Mr. Yasamoto and Mr. Tamura, has a plan. I think the plan is worth presenting and I would like to turn the meeting over to Mr. Masuda with your permission. But, before I do, I will answer Mr. Mitani's request for my interpretation of the Trust Agreement--what is its main purpose, etc. The Trust Agreement on July 30, 1942, the Project Director, Mr. Reed entered into a Trust Agreement for the operation of the Poston Community Enterprises. At that time, or let us go even further back, I think in May, is when people first started coming into Poston. At that time, it was clear that people would need various commodities and services which WRA wasn't going to provide that the people would want to purchase. I did not arrive until June 22, 1942, but when I came, there had been already established a store. WRA did not provide any money for that store. How was that store started? I understand that some of the residents put up some money. I think I understand was that some of the stores or some of the wholesalers gave credit for the purchase of goods. In order to establish credit, this business charged higher prices than it does now, I understand, in order to create a capital; furthermore, to meet other expenses and capital opening stores in other units, etc., because the WRA did not supply the expenses. I understand it is necessary to understand the background of the Community Enterprises to be able to go into the Trust Agreement but since Rev. Mitani requests that the Coop Congress already know these facts, that they be explained other things that they do not understand about the Trust Agreement, I will do so. As I stated before, the Frozen Fund status applies to Community Enterprises and it also applies to other types of organizations. The Project Director was told and he was also told by me that some issues

were generally licensed and who were here in this country since June of 1940. The Project Director decided that rather than distinguish between one issei and another, he would appoint only nisei; however, he stated that he would have the consent of the people pending the statement of the WRA policy by the Circular of August 23, 1949, which did not arrive here until September 3. The Project Director, with the consent of the Temporary Board of Trustees stated that there would be a group of issei who would have all the powers of the nisei group, except that they would not be on the document. They could vote and come to the meetings, but their names would not be on the document because of the Frozen Fund act. This was to be a temporary agreement. As soon as the representatives of the people who were to be elected under the WRA rules, the Council were elected and they were to decide in what way the voice of the people were to be known. Mr. Head, Project Director, decided on the policy, I stated on the law and I was asked by the lawyers who were present whether or not they disagreed with the law. I know of no one who has not upheld that policy. I wrote to the Secretary of Treasury and I received a reply that this policy was sound. This was a temporary Board and in the second place, he felt that he did not want to make a distinction between the issei. In the third place, he felt that by having on the Board, issei, regardless of being here since 1940 and having by agreement with the Board of Trustees, issei sitting in on the Board and having their votes count, you would have practically issei of all types represented on the Board. Due to apparent misunderstanding, the other plan was not planned. The Board of Trustees had agreed to the other plan beforehand. I asked Mr. Odagawa and Mr. Yamamoto if they recollect this and they answered in affirmative to my statement.

Since Rev. Mitani requests that any portion of the discussion held today not be released to the public so as to prevent further misunderstandings, the minutes will not be released except upon the official consent of Mr. Galvin, Coop Congress and Mr. Haas. However, the Board of Trustees who were not present at the meeting will be entitled to read the minutes.

The WRA provides for some sort of temporary business enterprise pending the formulation of another type of enterprise; however, there was no WRA modification and we thought of this thing beforehand. The Trust Agreement in Poston has one very interesting feature that has a bearing on this whole subject. The Trust Agreement provides that all profits shall be for the benefit of the whole community. I will read that provision in the Trust Agreement. Clause 16: Profits resulting from the operation of the Community Enterprises shall be expended only for the benefit of the Poston Community and for no other purpose.

Clause 27, Section 3; It is recognized that the Community of Poston is composed of persons relocated by the United States Government on a portion of the Colorado River Indian Reservation for the duration of the war. Consequently, this Trust shall end upon the termination of the war, and the corpus shall be liquidating in an orderly manner by the former express Trustees acting as liquidating Trustees. While it is the intention that the proceeds of the liquidation will be used equitably to assist the Community of Poston who require help to become settled in their new homes, this matter shall be determined by the liquidating Trustees with the approval of the Project Director. All applicable Federal laws will be adhered to.

The significance of this is that you cannot take without the consent of the people of Poston, as I interpreted, whatever profits there are in the Community

Enterprises and turn it over to a cooperative group if there is any group who cannot take that and say that it is a cooperative now, unless it is all the people. Ordinarily a cooperative is started by people taking money out of their own pockets--capital investment. That was what was intended here--to take the profits made by the Community Enterprises and use it to start a cooperative. When the circular Administration Instruction #27 was written, they did not know that there was a provision in the Trust Agreement about it, but people have been informed in regards to this now.

Meeting will be continued at 2:00 P.M.

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston Community Enterprises  
Poston, Arizona  
October 23, 1942.

REPORT OF RESULTS OF ELECTION OF TEMPORARY  
DELEGATES TO THE COOPERATION CONGRESS OF POSTON, HELD  
ON OCTOBER 15, 1942.

The Election Regulations, a copy of which is attached to this report, provided that each Block Council should nominate for delegate to the Cooperative Congress of Poston one person from its respective block and that the names of such nominees should be filed with the Chief of Community Enterprises not less than ten days before election day. The regulations provided further that any qualified person might also be nominated for delegate to the Cooperative Congress of Poston by a petition signed by not less than ten eligible voters. These petitions were to be filed with the Chief of Community Enterprises not less than 5 days before election. As will be noted from the list of nominees, and the dates on which the names were filed, certain technical irregularities were encountered, namely, that in many instances the Block Councils nominated more than one delegate from its respective block, and that also in a number of instances the names of the nominees were not filed within the due date. Prior to the election, however, the Project Director administratively approved the acceptance of the nominations.

As far as could be ascertained, the nominations by the Block Councils were made in open block meetings. In many of these cases, two or more nominees of apparent equal qualifications were designated by the Block Councils as a result of block meetings. Since the blocks, in most instances, were probably well represented in these nominations, only a negligible number of nominees by petition were made.

UNIT 1.				
BLOCK	NOMINEES BY BLK. COUNCILS	DATE RECEIVED	NOMINEES BY PETITION	DATE RECEIVED
2	Henry Odagawa	Oct. 8, 1942		
	Dr. Toyo Shimizu	Oct. 8, 1942		
3	Noboru Takaki	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Nobutaro Nishino	Oct. 5, 1942		
4	Kanyomon Gotori	Oct. 5, 1942		
5				
6	Harry Okahara	Oct. 6, 1942		
11	Masatane Mitani	Oct. 3, 1942		
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UNIT 1-- (Continued)

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY BLK. COUNCILS</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY PETITION</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>
13	Kazuto Sagara	Oct. 5, 1942		
14	Roy Tsutomu Tazawa	Oct. 5, 1942		
15	Masuo R. Fujii	Oct. 9, 1942		
16	Masaharu Hane	Oct. 9, 1942		
17	Nobutaro Fujimoto	Oct. 5, 1942		
18	Frank T. Deguchi	Oct. 5, 1942		
19	Masaichi Nakayama	Oct. 3, 1942	Sadao Sasaki	Oct. 3, 1942
			Kumiji Inagaki	" " "
			Kingo Nakamoto	" " "
			Tatsuo Inouye	" " "
21	Kenshei Takayama	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Yoneguma Takahashi	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Masao Abe	Oct. 5, 1942		
22	William Fukuda	Oct. 5, 1942		
26	Ernest Kozuma	Oct. 5, 1942		
27	Edward S. Morimoto	Oct. 5, 1942		
28	Jutaro Hamagiwa	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Satoru Okabe	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Keichi Niino	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Juichiro Tanaka	Oct. 5, 1942		
30	Edward Ouchi	Oct. 7, 1942		
31	Ted Hata	Oct. 8, 1942	Yaetaro Mohri	Oct. 9, 1942
			Masuo Ueki	" " "
32	Kitaro Endo	Oct. 4, 1942		
35	Lee Hamako	Oct. 2, 1942		
36	Suyekichi Ameno	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Torihiko Matsumoto	Oct. 5, 1942		
37	Reigu Miyada	Oct. 4, 1942		
	Thomas Yoshida	Oct. 4, 1942		
38	Suekichi Iwashita	Oct. 6, 1942	I. Inamura	Oct. 6, 1942
39	Mitsuo Sanbonmatsu	Oct. 7, 1942		
42	Sam Kawano	Oct. 5, 1942		
	George Y. Katow	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Kenji Nakane	Oct. 5, 1942		
43	Shigechi Yamano	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Risuke Murematsu	Oct. 5, 1942		
44	Niichiro Sakamoto	Oct. 5, 1942		
	Koichi Nakamura	Oct. 5, 1942		
45	Nagisa Mizushima	Oct. 5, 1942		
46	Paul M. Takeshita	Oct. 5, 1942		
53	Kikataro Nishimoto	Oct. 5, 1942		
54	Saiji Ota	Oct. 6, 1942		
59	Jimmy Miyata	Oct. 7, 1942		
60	Setaro Niiseki	Oct. 2, 1942		
		UNIT No. 2		
207	K. Takamoto	Oct. 3, 1942		
	H. Taketaya	Oct. 3, 1942		
	J. Takehara	Oct. 3, 1942		

## UNIT 2-- (Continued)

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY BLK. COUNCILS</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY PETITION</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>
208	T. Hamamoto	Oct. 3, 1942		
	J. H. Hamada	Oct. 3, 1942		
	M. Ichiki	Oct. 3, 1942		
	T. Fujii	Oct. 3, 1942		
	S. Harada			
209	J. Matsumune	Oct. 3, 1942		
	A. Ikeda	Oct. 3, 1942		
	H. Yanohira	Oct. 3, 1942		
	K. Aramaki	Oct. 3, 1942		
	Iwashige	Oct. 3, 1942		
210	O. Kobayashi	Oct. 3, 1942		
	T. Matsuoka	Oct. 3, 1942		
	K. Kishimura	Oct. 3, 1942		
213	Shimotsuka	Oct. 3, 1942		
214	H. Iwakiri	Oct. 3, 1942		
	Z. Ikeda	Oct. 3, 1942		
	Z. Ono	Oct. 3, 1942		
	M. Takeshita	Oct. 3, 1942		
215	K. Endo	Oct. 3, 1942		
	U. Shikuma	Oct. 3, 1942		
	Yamano	Oct. 3, 1942		
	K. Yoshida	Oct. 3, 1942		
216	S. Horikawa	Oct. 3, 1942		
	H. Yoshizumi	Oct. 3, 1942		
219	C. Iwamoto	Oct. 3, 1942		
	M. Shintaku	Oct. 3, 1942		
	E. Matsuura	Oct. 3, 1942		
220	H. Sakurai	Oct. 3, 1942		
	S. Okamoto	Oct. 3, 1942		
	G. Shimizu	Oct. 3, 1942		
	K. Takizawa	Oct. 3, 1942		
221	H. Yoshida	Oct. 3, 1942		
	H. Okamoto	Oct. 3, 1942		
	M. Tsuchii	Oct. 3, 1942		
	K. Matsuura	Oct. 3, 1942		
222	T. Miura	Oct. 3, 1942		
	T. Natsume	Oct. 3, 1942		
226	Y. Nakano	Oct. 3, 1942		
	J. Fukuhara	Oct. 3, 1942		
	K. Ueno	Oct. 3, 1942		
	H. Takenaga	Oct. 3, 1942		
	J. Kubota	Oct. 3, 1942		
227	K. Okawauchi	Oct. 3, 1942		
	S. Hasegawa	Oct. 3, 1942		
	J. Kazato	Oct. 3, 1942		
	B. Sato	Oct. 3, 1942		
229	S. Sato	Oct. 3, 1942		
	Okii	Oct. 3, 1942		
	H. Nakishima	Oct. 3, 1942		
	T. Takeuchi	Oct. 3, 1942		

UNIT #3.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY BLK. COUNCILS</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY PETITION</u>	<u>DATE RECEIVED</u>
305	K. Hiramatsu	Oct. 7, 1942		
306	Arthur Takemoto	Oct. 7, 1942	M. Matsumoto	Oct. 7, 1942
307	Susumu Togasaki	Oct. 5, 1942		
308	Y. Fukutome	Oct. 6, 1942		
309	Sam Uyeno	Oct. 8, 1942		
316	I. Harada	Oct. 8, 1942		
317	Sadaso Yamano	Oct. 7, 1942		
	Kikutaro Otani	Oct. 7, 1942		
	Katzo Uchiyama	Oct. 7, 1942		
318	Shigeto Kodama	Oct. 9, 1942		
322	Shigeo J. Satake	Oct. 6, 1942	Kesao Karasawa	Oct. 6, 1942
323	Kingo Ouchi	Oct. 8, 1942	Tom Mukai	Oct. 13, 1942
			Sadaichi Nomura	Oct. 13, 1942
			Sanroku Kawasaki	Oct. 13, 1942
			Matsuo Yoshida	Oct. 13, 1942
325	Frank E. Kagiwada	Oct. 8, 1942		
326	S. Shirasawa	Oct. 7, 1942		
327	Tameichi Okimoto	Oct. 8, 1942		
328	H. T. Suzuki	Oct. 9, 1942	Sam Amano	Oct. 13, 1942
329	Mr. G. Urata	Oct. 8, 1942	Mr. K. Nishi	Oct. 8, 1942
			Mr. R. Kushino	Oct. 8, 1942
			Mrs. Mabel Hibi	Oct. 8, 1942
330	Nobuso Kida	Oct. 8, 1942	Masahiko Koba	Oct. 8, 1942

The results of the election are indicated below, together with a recapitulation as to the citizenship for each Unit. The nominee elected in each block is indicated by an \*.

UNIT #1.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY BLOCK COUNCILS</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES.</u>	<u>CITIZEN SHIP</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY PETITION.</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES.</u>	<u>CITIZEN SHIP</u>
2	*Henry Odagawa	73	C			
	Dr. Toyo Shimizu	45				
3	*Noboru Takaki	69	C			
	Nobutaro Nishino	65				
4	*Kanyomon Gotori	1	NC			
5						
6	*Harry Okahara	1	NC			
11	*Masatane Mitani	1	NC			
12						
13	*Kazuto Sagara	17	NC			
14	*Roy T. Tazawa	1	NC			
15	*Masuo R. Fujii	24	NC			
16	*Masaharu Hane	1	NC			
17	*Nobutaro Fujimoto	1	NC			
18	*Frank T. Deguchi	1	NC			
19	Masaichi Nakayama	15		Sadao Sasaki	35	
				*Kuniji Inagaki	59	NC
				Kingo Nakamoto	21	
				Tatsuo Inouye	14	

## (Unit 1, Continued)

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY BLOCK COUNCILS</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES</u>	<u>CITIZEN SHIP</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY PETITION.</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES</u>	<u>CITIZEN SHIP.</u>
21	*Kenshei Takayama	22	NC			
	Yoneguma Takahashi	15				
	Masao Abe	17				
22	*William Fukada	51	C			
26	*Ernest Kozuma	1	C			
27	*Edward S. Morimoto	1	NC			
28	*Jutaro Hamagiwa	26	NC			
	Setoru Okabe	21				
	Kaichi Niino	5				
	Juichiro Tanaka	7				
30	*Edward Ouchi	6	C			
31	Ted Mata	11		Yaetaro Mohri	43	
				*Masuo Ueki	56	C
32	*Kitaro Endo	1	NC			
35	*Leo Hamako	1	C			
36	*Buyekichi Amano	63	NC			
	Torihiko Matsumoto	10				
37	*Peigu Miyada	58	NC			
	Thomas Yoshida	19				
38	*Suekichi Iwashita	56	NC	I. Inamura	39	
39	*Mitsuo Sanbonmatsu	26	C			
42	Sam Kawano	20				
	George Y. Katow	37				
	*Kenji Nakane	54	NC			
43	Shigeshi Yamano	19				
	*Risuke Murematsu	51	NC			
44	*Niichiro Sakamoto	70	NC			
	Koichi Nakamura	51				
45	*Nagisa Mizushima	1	NC			
46	*Paul M. Takeshita	2	C			
53	*Kikutaro Nishimoto	1	NC			
54	*Saiji Ota	1	NC			
59	*Jimmy Miyata	1	C			
60	*Satoru Niiseki	56	NC			

RECAP. OF CITIZENSHIP OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES: Citizens--10; Non-C.--24.

UNIT #2

207	K. Takamoto	2				
	*H. Taketaya	30	NC			
	J. Takehara	25				
208	T. Hamamoto					
	J. H. Hamada					
	M. Ichiki					
	T. Fujii					
	*S. Harada	66	NC			

## (Unit 2, Continued)

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY BLOCK COUNCILS</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES</u>	<u>CITIZEN SHIP.</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY PETITION.</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES.</u>	<u>CITIZEN SHIP.</u>
209	J. Matsumune	27				
	A. Ikeda	0				
	H. Yanohira	13				
	*K. Aramaki	55	NC			
	Iwashige	18				
210	*O. Kobayashi	21	NC			
	T. Matsuoka	10				
	K. Kishimura	7				
213	*S. Shimotsuka	15	NC			
214	H. Iwakiri	23				
	Z. Ikeda	12				
	*Z. Ono	46	NC			
	M. Takeshita	19				
215	*K. Endo	58	C			
	U. Shikuma	29				
	Yamano	23				
	K. Yoshida	0				
216	*S. Horikawa	19	NC			
	H. Yoshizumi	15				
219	*C. Iwamoto	15	C			
	M. Shintaku	7				
	E. Matsuura	12				
220	H. Sakurai	11				
	*S. Okamoto	73	C			
	G. Shimizu	8				
	K. Takizawa	15				
221	*H. Yoshida	8	C			
	H. Okamoto	1				
	M. Tsuchii	1				
	K. Matsuura	2				
222	T. Mura	43				
	*T. Natsume	51	C			
226	Y. Nekano	11				
	*J. Fukuhara	104	NC			
226	K. Ueno	12				
	H. Takenaga	5				
	J. Kubota	10				
227	*K. Okawauchi	17	NC			
	S. Hasegawa	7				
	J. Kazato	6				
	B. Sato	14				
229	S. Sato	5				
	Okii	0				
	*H. Nakishima	11	NC			
	T. Takeuchi	3				

RECAP. OF CITIZENSHIP OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES: Citizens--5; Non-C.--10.

UNIT /S.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY BLOCK COUNCILS</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES.</u>	<u>CITIZEN SHIP</u>	<u>NOMINEES BY PETITION.</u>	<u>NO. OF VOTES.</u>	<u>CITIZEN SHIP.</u>
305	*K. Hiramatsu	43	NC			
306	*Arthur Takemoto	70	C	M. Matsumoto	46	
307	*Susumu Togasaki	58	C			
308	*Y. Fukutome	24	NC			
309	*Sam Uyeno	3	C			
316	*I. Harada	6	NC			
317	*Sadazo Yamane	13	NC			
	Kikutaro Otani	6				
	Katzo Uchiyama	3				
318	*Shigeto Kodama	4	NC			
322	Shigeo Jack Setake	71	NC	*Kessoo Karesawa	72	NC
323	Kingo Ouchi	9		*Matsuo Yoshida	65	NC
				Tom Mukai	24	
				Sadaichi Nomura	17	
				Sanroku Kawasaki	12	
325	*Frank E. Kagiwada	3	NC			
326	*S. Chirasawa	6	NC			
327	*Tameichi Okimoto	5	NC			
328	H. T. Suzuki	37		*Sam Asano	40	C
329	Mr. G. Urata	19		Mr. K. Wishi	31	
				*Mr. R. Kushino	47	NC
				Mrs. Mabel Hibi		
330	Noburo Kida	5		*Masahiko Koba	7	NC

RECAP. OF CITIZENSHIP OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES: Citizens--4; Non-C.--12.

TOTAL RECAP. OF ALL UNITS, SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES: Citizens--19; Non-C.--46.

In those cases where the blocks had two or more nominees, the interest is reflected in the number of votes cast. In the numerous cases where there was only one nominee from a block, the interest cannot be determined, as in most cases, only one vote was cast. Following the results of the election for each Unit, there is shown the various committees elected by the Cooperative Congress to date:

UNIT I.

Cooperative Coordinating Committee

Kuniji Inagaki	Nichiro Sakamoto
Roy Tsutomu Tazawa (Treasurer)	Kikutaro Nishimoto
Masatane Mitani (Chairman)	Edward Ouchi (Vice Chairman)
Jutaro Hamagiwa	Nagisa Mizushima (Secretary)
Ernest Kozuma	Frank T. Deguchi

Finance and Audit

Masuo Fujii (Blk. 15) Acct.  
Edward Morimoto (Blk. 27)  
Ernest Kozuma (Blk. 26)  
Satoru Niiseki (Blk. 30)  
Edward Ouchi (Blk. 30)

Constitution and By-Laws

Henry Odagawa (Blk. 2)  
Masatane Mitani (Blk. 11)  
Roy Tazawa (Blk. 14)  
Nagisa Mizushima (Blk. 45)  
Noboru Takaki (Blk. 3)

(Unit 1 Committees, continued)

Merchandise

Kenshei Takayama (Blk. 21)  
Paul Takeshita (Blk. 46)  
Suyekichi Amano (Blk. 36)  
Frank Deguchi (Blk. 18)  
Masuo Uyeki (Blk. 31)

Membership

Masaharu Hane (Blk. 16)  
Harry Okahara (Blk. 6)  
William Fukuda (Blk. 22)  
Risuke Muramatsu (Blk. 43)  
Saiji Ota (Blk. 54)

Education

Kenji Nakane (Blk. 42)  
Mitsuo Sanbonmatsu (Blk. 39)  
Kazuto Sagara (Blk. 13)  
Kitaro Endo (Blk. 52)  
Nobutaro Fujimoto (Blk. 17)

Personnel

Kuniji Inagaki (Blk. 19)  
Niichiro Sakamoto (Blk. 44)  
Seikichi Iwashita (Blk. 38)  
Kikutaro Nishimoto (Blk. 53)  
Leo Hamako (Blk. 35)

Grievance

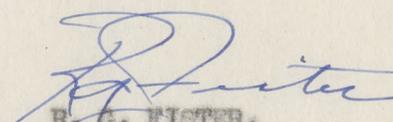
Kenyomon Cotori (Blk. 4)  
Jutaro Hamagiwa (Blk. 28)  
Reigu Miyada (Blk. 37)  
Jimmy Miyata (Blk. 59)

Unit 2. -- None.

UNIT 3.

Cooperative Coordinating Committee

Frank Shirasawa  
I. Harada  
Sadazo Yamane  
Tameichi Okimoto  
Y. Fukutome.

  
R. C. FISTER,  
Chief of Community Enterprises.

APPROVED:

  
H. A. Mathiesen,  
Chief of Agric. & Industry.

cc: Project Director  
Mr. Mathiesen  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Crawford  
Mr. Burge  
Dr. Leighton

SPECIAL

COOPERATIVE CONGRESS MEETING

July 18, 1944

A G E N D A

1. Roll Call  
    Introduction of New Congressmen
2. Reading of the minutes of last Congressional Meeting
3. Communications - if any
4. Presidents Report:
  - A. Business Conditions - Many people are relocating or leaving for seasonal leave. This affects our business.

The trend of the business subject minor correction is as follows:

March Net Sale	\$41,015.19
April " "	43,382.06
May " "	42,735.58
June " "	40,837.59

NET SAVINGS

April	\$4,537.85
May	4,899.75

- B. Bank Balance as of July 14, 1944-\$13,395.22  
    Bills Payable as of July 14, 1944- 1,262.30
- C. Membership as of May 30th. (May 30th)  
    4,803 @ \$1.00 - - - - - 4,803.00
- D. MEMBERS' EQUITIES:

Membership as of May 31st.	\$4,803.00
Unallocated Reserve (As of 3/31)	8,729.67
Allocated Reserve	25,870.06
Allocated Savings	33,506.31
Unallocated Savings:	
April	4,537.05
May	4,899.75

NOTE: Out of \$33,506.31 Allocated Savings, we have paid \$12,496.18 early part of June, 1944. (July, August and September, 1943 rebate).

E. REPORT ON TOFAZ CO-OP CASH SERVICE DEPARTMENT (Old Banking Department)

Total Loan to date	\$53,758.09
Withdrawn since then	10,119.53
Loan as of July 14th,	<u>\$43,638.56</u>

Interest on loan up to June 30th 18.80  
This will be paid this week.

CHECK CASHING SERVICES

Number of Government checks cashed during the month of June was 5,433 amount \$70,728.52.

Private checks cashed, 993 amounting \$61,158.41.

Total number of checks cashed	6,426
Total amount	\$131,886.93

MONEY ORDER FOR JUNE

Number of checks issued	560
Amount	\$11,587.92

INCOME

Service Income	\$88.12
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Expense of the department:

Salary	4	\$85.00	
Postage for shipping money		29.99	
Total		<u>\$114.99</u>	Loss: \$26.87

(Cost Social Security, Surity Bonds and Insurance not included in above figure)

5. Committees Reports:

Merchandise Committee  
Fish Market Plans and Production Plans  
Education Dept.  
Legal Dept.

Election of two New Directors.

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Block Council  
for Block \_\_\_\_\_ held on \_\_\_\_\_ 1942 the following  
person was nominated as a temporary delegate to the  
Cooperative Congress of Poston, Arizona for Block \_\_\_\_\_.

Name

Address

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Block Manager

----- 1942

I accept nomination as candidate as stated above, and  
certify that I have pledged membership in the Poston  
Cooperative Enterprises.

Signature of Candidate

Date of Acceptance

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NOTICE OF ELECTION AND  
REGULATIONS FOR ELECTION OF TEMPORARY DELEGATES  
to the  
COOPERATIVE CONGRESS OF POSTON, ARIZ.  
to be held on October 15, 1942

1. Cooperative Congress

The Cooperative Congress shall consist of one representative from each block.

2. Qualifications for Voters

All persons 16 years of age or over shall be qualified to vote. Each Block Manager shall compile a list of the eligible voters in his block.

3. Qualifications for temporary Delegates of the Cooperative Congress of Poston

The Congress shall consist of citizens or non-citizens who have pledged membership and who are willing to serve without compensation as public servants and who are greatly interested in the welfare and improvement of Poston. They should have a good knowledge of practical affairs as well as some knowledge of cooperative principles. They should be chosen for their good judgment, knowledge, and ability. Their selection should be a matter of serious concern, for upon them will rest a heavy responsibility.

4. Duties of Temporary Delegates

The Temporary Delegates shall perform the following duties:

- (1) To understand the democratic and economic methods of a consumer cooperative;
- (2) To formulate broad operating policies for the cooperative enterprises; and with legal advice to draft and file the charter of incorporation.
- (3) To collect membership fees or shares as the case may be upon the granting of the charter;
- (4) To draft the by-laws and present them for ratification to the qualified voting members of the association.

5. Duties of Voting Members

After receiving the by-laws, the voting members shall either confirm the permanent status of the temporary delegates or elect permanent delegates.

6. Nominations

- a. Each Block Council shall nominate for delegate to the Cooperative Congress of Poston one person from its respective block. The names of such nominees shall be filed with the Chief of Community Enterprises not less than 10 days before election day.
- b. Any qualified person may also be nominated for delegate to the Cooperative Congress of Poston by a petition signed by not less than 10 eligible voters. These petitions shall carry the acceptance of the candidate and shall be filed with the Chief of Community Enterprises not less than 5 days before election day.

7. Ballot

- a. The order of the names on each ballot shall be determined by lot.
- b. Ballots shall be in the following form:

Place a cross (X) in the box opposite the name of one candidate	
Joe Takaki - - - - -	<input type="checkbox"/>
アカキ ジョー	
George Nakamura - - - - -	<input type="checkbox"/>
ナカムラ ジョージ	
Jack Watanabe - - - - -	<input type="checkbox"/>
ワタナベ ヤキ	
Tom Maeda - - - - -	<input type="checkbox"/>
マエダ トム	
Ben Sato - - - - -	<input type="checkbox"/>
サトウ ベン	

是報報  
講演會  
報定

8. Voting

- a. Each Block Manager shall construct in his office a polling booth, properly screened to insure secrecy.
- b. The polls shall be open on election day from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M.
- c. Each qualified voter shall receive a ballot from the election board at the polls, and shall be allowed one minute in the polling booth to cast his vote.
- d. The voter shall fold his ballot and deposit it in a voting box which shall be provided in each polling place.
- e. Each candidate may remain at the polls on election day or have one representative present.

9. Election Board

- a. An election board shall be appointed for each block consisting of one member of the Block Manager's staff and one person appointed by the Block Council. At least one member of the board must remain at the polls during election hours. The duties of the election board shall be as follows:
  - (1) Supervise voting.
  - (2) Check votes against list of eligible voters.
  - (3) Count ballots and certify the count.
  - (4) Place votes in sealed envelope.
  - (5) Deliver sealed envelope to collector.

10. Collection of Ballots and Ballot Boxes

- a. The Block Manager Supervisor's staff shall collect sealed envelopes containing counted ballots, and the ballot boxes, and give a receipt for same to each election board. The staff shall deliver these articles at once to the Chief of Community Enterprises who shall hold them for 30 days.

11. Notice of Election

Notice of the date of election shall be posted in Block Manager's office, mess halls, and other convenient places.

12. Date of Election

The election shall be held on Thursday, October 15, 1942.

*W. Wade Head*  
W. Wade Head  
Project Director

# 組合代表者會選舉及び全規約御通知

## 一 組合代表者會

組合代表者會は各部落より選出され、凡一名宛の代表者を以て成立します。

## 二 選挙者資格

年齢十六歳以上の方は選挙権があります。また各部落長は選挙有権者表を作成します。ホストン組合假代表者資格

## 三 代表者

代表者は米國市民及び非市民の如何を問はず、宣誓をなせる會員で、世報酬の公僕としてホストン公共の爲に盡力して下さる人々を以て構成いたします。其等の人々は種々實際的の事情に精通し、亦或程度、消費組合組織の主旨に對する認識を有して居られる方が望ましいのです。それらの人々は

正当なる判断、知識、及び技術を持つて居る事に依りて選ばれるべき是等の人々の選出は重大決心事で行われ、何れも重大責任があるからです。

## 四 假代表者の義務

假代表者は以下の義務があります

(1) 消費組合組織は民主的の経済原理であることを理解すること。

(2) 組合組織の一般方針を作成すること。及び合法的なる定款の作成を成すこと。

(3) 組合組織が認可され、曉、組合入會費及び株式の募集をすること。

(4) 細則を作成し、組合有権者の認可を得る事。

(5) 組合員有権者の義務、組合組織の細則を受理した後、假代表者を常任代表者とするか、或は又新に常任代表者を選挙するかを決定する義務があります。

(6) 各部落評議員會は部落代表者候補を各自の部落より推薦する事にならざるべき。この被推薦者は選挙日より十日以前に商業部長の下へ提出される事にならざるべき。

又選挙有権者は十名以上連署し、選挙日より五日以前迄に商業部長の下へ提出すれば、その推薦された人は被選挙者としての資格があります。

各投票用紙の氏名順序は籤による決定されます。

(4) 投票用紙は今までの選挙と同様な形式です。

(5) 部落長はその事務所にて選挙の公正を期する爲に、適當に圍はれた投票室を設けます。

(6) 投票場は選挙当日午後五時より午後八時まで閉場されます。

(7) 選挙有権者は投票場に於て選挙係員より一枚の投票用紙を受け取り、その投票に要する時間は分間以内と云ふことにはなりません。

(8) 投票者は記入後、投票用紙を折疊し、その一つの投票箱へ投入して下さい。

(9) 候補者は選挙者選挙場なる事か案を、選挙委員会へ提出して下さい。

選挙委員會は部落事務所員一名と部落評議員依り任命され、凡一名の者から成立し、その選挙時間中、選挙委員中の一名は投票時間中、選挙委員の義務は左記の通りであります。

1. 投票を監督すること。

2. 投票者と選挙者名簿を対照すること。

3. 投票数に相違が無き事を期すること。

4. 投票を封筒に入れ、密封すること。

5. 該封筒を投票回収者のもとまで運ぶこと。

投票及び投票箱の回収

部落長監督事務所員は投票を密封し、封筒と投票箱を兼ね、各選挙委員会に對しては投票受領の領收證を與へます。

それとこれらの投票及び投票箱は直ちに商業部長のもとへ送ります。商業部長はそれを三十日間保留することになります。

選挙に関する告知

選挙の告知は部落長事務所、食堂、その他目につき易い場所に掲示されます。

選挙日

選挙は一九三三年十月十五日に舉行されます。

行政局長

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# 消費組合に関する質疑応答

消費組合に関する疑問にお答えするため左記の資料を準備致しました。更にお質問のある方は、コミュニティ・エンタープライズ事務局に於てお聞き下さい。

質「政府は組合組織の店に対して援助を與へるといふことであるが事実であるか」

答「然り。政府は場所及びその他施設などに貸し出来得る限りの援助を與へる旨を声明して居る」

質「若し消費組合を組織するならば他の諸事業をも全部組合組織として同胞が全責任を負うのはどういふことか」

答「否。当局はその様な事を期待して居ない旨を言明して居る」

質「何故現在の店の組織を改造しなげればならぬのか」

答「現在の店は假の組織である。最近發表された轉住局の方針によれば、この假の組織を恒久的なものとし、ポストン在住者によって責任經營せしめる事に決定されてある。更にポストンの同胞の大多数が組合組織に賛意を表してゐる」

質「組合は種々の商品と容易に仕入れることが出来るか」

答「現在は戦時であるが故に組合は普通小賣商に買物を限ります。その仕入に困難を感じつゝある。然しWRA(戦時轉住局)は出来る限りの援助を與へて呉れる事になつてゐる」

質「組合では何處から商品の仕入をするのであるか」

答「組合は組合の間屋からは勿論のこと、現在及び将来に亘つて一般の間屋からも優良な商品を仕入れる事が出来る」

質「消費組合とは一体どんなものであるか」

答「消費組合とは、その組合員によつて所有され、支配され、運営

される法人組織の組合である。消費組合は実行可能なものか。運営の困難はないか」

答「組合は理事會を有す。理事會は組合員によつて決定された方針に従つて組合を運営する。この理事會は支配人と雇員し又組合経営上の全責任を有す。組合は出納を記帳し、尚屋より商品の仕入をなし、又各顧客部(例は藥品部、衣服部等)には経験ある係りを置き、その他の部(理髪部、美容部、靴修繕部等)には熟練せる者を入れる。即ち組合は正當なる業務が直面しなければならぬすべての問題と同じく考慮に入れなければならぬ」

質「若し理事會が管理經營するものであれば、一般組合員は如何にしてそれに參與することが出来るのであるか」

答「(一)一般組合員は自己の信頼し得る人々を理事に選挙する権利をもつてゐる」

(二) 組合員は組合總會に於て發言權を持つてゐる。従つて組合の方針を決定することが出来るのである」

(三) 組合員は理事會に出頭する権利をもつ。又本委員會に出席して特別な問題について相談する事が出来る」

(四) 組合員は委員會に自発的志願をする権利を有し、又理事會或は委員會に選出される事が出来る」

質「組合の適切公正なる経営が行はれると思ふか」

答「組合では普通、公平な公證

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會計監査員に依頼して一定の時期に監査報告を組合員一同に知らしめる組織となつてゐる。

又組合員は何時でも組合の帳簿を検査することが許されらる。理事會又は組合員の一部が反對者を除名して組合を自由にしてうとする様な場合に處して如何なる対策法があるか。

答 「それら事は至極まれな事であるが、組合法並に組合に關する資料に依れば、さうな場合に除名處分を受け、組合員は、除名前に組合の總會に出席し、自己の立場を辯明する權利をもつてゐる。組合の定款及び細則には多くの場合、除名處分には特別の會合を開き、會員の大多數の賛成がなければ、実行出来ない事にならうゐる。

質 「組合員が組合に對し何等かの提案をした時、若しくは店の方針支配人、店員の勤務に關して異議ある場合はどうすればよいか。」

答 「それを適當な委員會に提出するか、又はその取締役の地位にある者に通告することが出来る。若し満足な解答が得られない場合は、組合の會合に持ち出す事が出来る。

質 「組合員たるには如何なるもの、提供を必要とするか。」

答 「組合入會費即ち株を負擔することと要する。この金額は組合を組織する際に決定される。屢々、組合は株の拂込に當りて先づ最初、額面の一部のみを拂ひ込ませ、残額は購買額配当金を以て拂ひ込むことを要求することもあつた。

質 「組合の経営が失敗に終わった場合、組合員の責任はどの程度か。」

答 「組合員の責任は他の財團法人的場合と同様であつて、組合入會費即ち株として投資した額

或はは予約したその金額だけと失はざるのである。若し貸付資本(手形或はは貸付権証券)として投資される資金がある場合はその清算が終了したる後、尚残額があればその分配に與ふことが出来るのである。但し、これは失敗の懼れは先づ無しので失敗を予期する必要は無し。

質 「組合の良しとは何であるか。」

答 「組合は營利主義の組織ではない。故に商品及びサービスを原價主義で取扱ふ。又購買者(お客)による経営されるのであるから、お客の希望しない品物を取り扱つたり、品質をこまかくすることは無い。組合は結局、相互扶助の精神に立脚した商業組織である。而して組合を通じて組合員は自ら店を經營するのである。」

質 「組合に加入すればどんな特典があるか。」

答 「組合員である事により組合の方針に參與する資格を持つ事が出来る。そして役員、委員、又は會員となつて一般の人々のために奉仕することが出来る。購買配当を受ける資格がある。實際に組合に於て活動することによつて、戦後に役立つ商賣を學ぶことが出来る。」

質 「非組合員は購買額配当が受けられるか。」

答 「否、組合員となる申込をせしむると購買額配当の申請をなさねば、配当を受ける事は出来ない。

質 「若し組合員で無い場合は、恩典を受けられることは出来ないか。」

答 「店に於ては組合員と同じ取り扱ひを受け得る。但し會員の權利を主張することは出来ない。」

質 「組合の資本金は誰が出すか。」

答 「資本金は組合入會費即ち株及び特別投資によつて

検出される

四 組合員の賛成投票により購買額配当を特別投資への拂戻しからすむまで積立る事も出来る。W.R.A (戦時轉住局) から借用することが出来る。

質 轉住地解散 若しくは轉住地より外部に出た場合の組合員の投資はどうか

答 投資の処分は細則によつて組合員の間に分配される。

質 或る人々は組合の使用人が公金を私消しせぬかと心配する

答 組合では公金を取扱ふ者は保証金を掛ける仕組になつてゐる。又組合及び政府の監査員によつて公正な又適切な営業が行われてゐるか、どうか調査されることになつてゐる。

質 何故 W.R.A (戦時轉住局) は W.C.C.A (戦時民間監督局) が集合所て実行してゐる如く靴修繕及理发店を經營して呉れないのか

答 W.C.C.A (軍管理) と W.R.A (政府管理) とは異つた方針に従つてゐる。但し W.R.A の方針変更の請願は組合の如き團體を通じてなすことが出来る。

◇ 附記 ◇

消費組合組織の成否は一つにかつてロケテル組合主義を忠実に実行するか否かにある。

英國ロケテルの會員は機械工は各消費者は自己の經營する自己の店を持ち得ると云ふ至極簡單にして實際的なる方法を考案した。過去百年の間にこの新しい經營法は次第に或人になり、現在に於てはこの方法は最も賢明なる經營法として世界の文明國に認められてゐる。

アメリカ合衆國に於ても現副大統領 フレシ氏はこの組合式經營

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法は將來の優秀なる經濟原理となるであらうと聲明してゐる。ロケテルの組合原理は簡單であるが同時に非常な重要である。故にその原理を箇條書として左に列挙する。

- 一 一人一票の經濟的民主組織
- 二 會員資格は消費者は誰でも會員となり得る。
- 三 帳簿開放の營業に於て秘密なし
- 四 組合知識普及の組合の人々に対し高度の組合組織をらしめんが爲、組合に関する知識を與へること。
- 五 政治、宗教、人種問題に於て中立の組合以上の事等争ひと憂へたる懼れある問題を持ち込まぬこと。
- 六 投資に対する限定利子、資本は不當なる利益を生まない。
- 七 購買配当は消費者は買入高に従つて配当を得る。

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON COOPERATIVE

The following questions and answers were prepared for those who are not familiar with the nature and functions of the cooperative system.

- Q. Is it true that the government will give aid to the cooperative?
- A. Yes. The Administration has stated that space and such other assistance as facilities permit will be furnished.
- Q. Is it true that if we start a consumer cooperative, we must accept the responsibility of carrying out the work project also on a cooperative basis?
- A. No. The Administration has definitely stated that there is no such prospect.
- Q. Why do we have to change the present set-up?
- A. The present set-up is a temporary arrangement. The residents of Poston have expressed their overwhelming desire in favor of cooperative. The recent WRA policy states that the present temporary community enterprise is only temporary and may be changed into permanent structure in which the residents will assume the full responsibility.
- Q. Can the cooperative obtain merchandise without difficulty?
- A. This is wartime, and any retail business whether it be cooperative or otherwise may face difficulty in purchasing goods. Furthermore, the WRA will probably render assistance in this regard.
- Q. Where can cooperative purchase merchandise?
- A. The cooperative can purchase recognized brands of merchandise from the present and future creditors as well as from wholesale cooperatives.
- Q. What do you mean by a cooperative association?
- A. Such an association will be a corporation owned, controlled and operated by the members.
- Q. Is a cooperative practical? Will it work?
- A. It has a Board of Directors who control it, subject to the policies adopted by the membership. The Board employs management and holds responsible for running the business. The corporation maintains accounts, buys goods from wholesales, and employs skilled merchandisers to operate its sales departments, (drugs, clothing stores, etc.), or skilled craftsmen to operate its service departments (barber and beauty shops, shoe repairing, etc.). It is subject to all of the problems any normal business faces.
- Q. If the Board of Directors control it, how can I have any real voice in the association?
- A. (a) As a member you have a voice in electing people in whom you have confidence to the Board of Directors. (b) You have full voice in all membership meetings and may thus influence policy. (c) You have the right to appear before the Board of Directors or to meet with a committee to consider your problem. (d) You have the right to volunteer for committee work or stand for election to the Board of Directors or committee.
- Q. What assurance do I have that the business is being properly conducted?

- A. It is well established cooperative practice to employ a disinterested Public Accountant to render periodic audit statements to the membership. It is also established right for cooperative members to have access to the records of the association at all reasonable times.
- Q. What if the Board of Directors or some of the members decide to expel someone from membership because of opposition. If they wish to control the association by ousting opposition, what recourse is there?
- A. This problem seldom arises. However, many cooperative statutes and practically all information on cooperatives indicate that any member has the right to state his case before the general membership before expulsion. Oftentimes articles of incorporation or By-Laws will require a majority vote in a properly called membership meeting before such an action.
- Q. What if I have suggestions or disapprove of policy or management or employees' actions?
- A. You may inform the proper committee or responsible person, or you may take it up in the membership meeting if other channels are not responsive.
- Q. What does it cost me to belong to a cooperative?
- A. Whatever the membership fee or share of stock is worth. You help determine this when you help organize the association. Sometime cooperatives ask for only a fraction of the amount as a down payment--the rest being deducted from the first patronage refunds.
- Q. What are my obligations in case the cooperative fails?
- A. Your liability is the same as in any other corporation. You are liable only for the amount you invested or pledged as a membership fee or share. If you have additional funds invested as loan capital (notes or non-voting stock) you will share in the assets remaining after all creditor claims are settled. But there is no likelihood of failure here and it is not necessary to anticipate failure.
- Q. What is the advantage of a cooperative?
- A. The cooperative association is a non-profit operation. That is, it distributes goods and services at cost. Being owned by the people it serves, it has no interest in trying to sell them unwanted merchandise, or to misrepresent goods. It is business association based upon the idea of mutual help. Furthermore, you acquire ownership of the store in doing it.
- Q. What is the advantage to belonging to a cooperative?
- A. In belonging to a cooperative you have the right to help determine the policies of the association; you can hold office or serve on committees and thus serve your community as well yourself. You do share in patronage dividends. By participating actively you can learn a method of business that may help you to become established in a post-war world.
- Q. Don't non-member patrons receive patronage dividends also?
- A. No, unless they apply for membership, and thereafter can claim their patronage dividends.
- Q. Then if I don't belong to the cooperative, what service do I enjoy?
- A. You will have the same service from the store as members except membership privileges.

- Q. Who is going to provide funds for financing consumer enterprises?
- A. (a) Funds may be subscribed through membership fees or shares, and thru the purchase of notes or non-voting shares. (b) Funds (dividends) may be retained by a membership-vote to issue notes to the amount of patronage refunds until such time as enough accumulates to pay for a share of non-voting stock or a Certificate of Equity (form of notes). (c) The WRA under certain conditions may loan some of the funds needed to finance enterprises.
- Q. What will happen to our investment when the war is over or when we leave the center?
- A. Investment will be divided among members according to the adopted by-laws.
- Q. Some people fear that the personnel of the cooperative stores might swindle the community funds.
- A. Cooperatives insist that all responsible personnel handling funds be bonded thus insuring the safety of community funds. Also, frequent audits by the cooperative and by Government auditors insure honest and efficient practices.
- Q. Why can't we get WRA to provide us with a barber shop or shoe repair shop as is done in some WCCA assembly centers?
- A. WCCA (Army control) and WRA (civilian control) have different policies. Changes in WRA policies can be sought through community organizations such as a cooperative association.

#### APPENDIX

Success of the Cooperative Enterprise depend wholly upon the fact how closely we adhere to the so-called Rochdale Cooperative principles. Poor weavers in Rochdale, England have evolved a simple but very practical method which could assume each consumer to keep a firm hold on the running of his own store. During the past one hundred years this new type of business method has flourished and is now accepted by major part of the civilized world as a most intelligent way of business for consumers.

In the United States, our Vice-President Wallace regards it as a dominant economic idea of the future. The Rochdale principles are simple but very fundamental. Therefore, we shall list them one by one for your convenience:

1. One man, one vote (economic democracy)
2. Open membership (all consumer are admitted to membership)
3. Open book (No secret in business)
4. Constant education (People have to be informed continuously in order to assume an intelligent cooperation.)
5. Neutrality in race, religion and politics. (We shall not bring in controversial topics into cooperative association)
6. Limited interest on capital. (Money earns only its legitimate interest)
7. Patronage dividend (Consumers can get benefit returns)

## OPEN MEMBERSHIP

PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY\* Perhaps the most far-reaching principle applied by the Rochdale Pioneers to their cooperative work is the principle of Universality. Mr. Mercer, well known English cooperator, calls this principle the "greatest mankind will ever discover." He points out that the Rochdale Pioneers were probably the first body of co-operators to welcome all men and women, on an equal basis, into the fraternity of their society, irrespective of their race, color or creed. No man or woman who wished to join their number in good faith was ever shut out. On the very day that the pioneers adopted this method of "open membership" they laid the foundation stone of the International Cooperative Commonwealth. Mr. Mercer rightfully states that "a cooperative movement built upon the principle of universality can never be less than universal in its scope, purpose or spirit." Fundamentals of Con. Coop. Pg. 23

### 1. OPEN AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP

Membership in cooperative is open to all those consumers who wishes to join it "in good faith"; that is, with a constructive purpose. No line is drawn in any sex, occupational, class or nationality in regards to the question of membership; nor do they care what kind of opinions the joining member happens to have in regards to political or religious questions. \*Fundamentals of Con. Coop. Pg. 37

Those evacuees 18 years of age or above, are eligible for membership. \*Poston Cooperatives proposed by-law.

- a. What constitutes membership?
- b. What should be the age limit?
- c. Should caucasians be regarded in membership?
- d. Initiation fee?
- e. Amount of shares?

### 2. MEMBERSHIP THROUGH PATRONAGE

No eligible person with purchasing power should be refused admission because he has not the money to buy the required shares of stock. Such a person should be permitted to join upon whatever amount he can pay; this to be the first payment on a share. The refunds due him from his patronage should be applied as further payments on his stock. He becomes a member with full privileges when the necessary amount of stock has been paid for. Care should be taken to see that this privilege is not abused, however, and some reasonable time limit may be placed during which to accumulate the price of the share.

### 3. LIMITATION OF MEMBERSHIP

In actual practice, however, there are some limitations. For self-protection, the right is usually reserved for the board of directors or the membership meeting to accept or refuse new members.

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Some associations exclude from membership all individuals who are engaged in a business competing with that of the cooperative, or who directly benefit from such competing business. This rule should be adopted only where there is real danger of injury to the association or interference with its development.

Productive organizations, credit unions, etc. are also exceptions.

### 4. WHAT SHOULD BE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIP FOR SUCCESSFUL COOP?

It is impossible to lay down any hard and fast minimum as to the number of members the new association will need to be successful. The number will necessarily depend on several factors: The local conditions,

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\*A quotation from the by-law should be made on this point. (See Article II, Sec. 2)

the amount and variety of merchandise to be carried (i. e., whether the member can buy a large part of their household supplies at the store, as in a general store, or only groceries), whether other sources of supply are readily available to the members, etc.

Experience has shown that in a rural community as few as 75 to 100 families may successfully undertake the operation of a cooperative store if they are familiar with the method of cooperation and can obtain efficient and economical management but that in a city there should be 100 or more members. It is well to bear in mind, however, that some of the early members may desert the organization or it may provide little patronage and that a small membership can rarely provide sufficient volume of business so that the margin between wholesale cost and retail sales will cover the overhead expense of operating a store. For those reasons an initial membership of at least 150 (rural) and 200 (city) persons would provide a better assurance of success.

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Cooperative associations are benefited by increase of membership. New members (with their patronage and shares) not only make the group stronger but keep the association from being an exclusive and closed corporation run in the interest of a few.

#### 5. WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

It must be kept in mind also that the Rochdale Pioneers made the membership in their organization entirely voluntary. The consumer was always welcome to join, and could withdraw from membership whenever he wished, if it did not satisfy him or if he did not consider that such membership was of any benefit to him. A true Rochdale cooperative will never refuse to redeem the shares of any of its members whenever the member wishes to withdraw them, but it may reasonably require that the member give the cooperative 30 or 60 days' notice so that it can arrange its finances accordingly or so that it will not be financially embarrassed by such withdrawal of capital.

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#### 6. SELLING TO NON-MEMBERS

The store may sell to non-members, and such patronage is a valuable means of interesting them in the organization and its purposes. Although the law in some states provides for the payment of patronage refunds in cash to non-members, it is preferable (where it can be done legally)\* to credit the non-members' refunds on the purchase of a share, so that they eventually become members. Bulletin 665

#### 7. MEMBERS SUPPORT OF STORE ESSENTIAL

It should be remembered that continuous patronage is essential to the success of the association. Every member should patronize his store faithfully. Without such support, store sales may fluctuate so badly that effective operations become impossible and capital will automatically be depleted. Bulletin 665

However, a true Rochdale Cooperative never attempts to put its members under any "iron clad" contracts or other binding, legal agreements under which the members would be obligated under penalty to do something that they might not be willing to do of their own accord. In a true cooperative the members should not be put under compulsion to buy from the cooperative wholesale society of which it is a member. All patronage in true Rochdale cooperative should be entirely voluntary.

#### 8. INACTIVE MEMBERS

The best cooperative provides for means of buying back the stock of inactive members and reselling it to active patrons who have not yet become members. This eliminates the "dead wood" within the association and insures an active membership. In a consumers' cooperative association the body of patrons and the body of shareholders should be as nearly identical as possible.

\*Arizona has no cooperative law, therefore, it is all up to us.

9. COOPERATIVE OFFERS ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES TO ALL

By open membership is meant that a cooperative society has no class bias. It is true that the cooperative movement is in the main an organization of working class people. This is largely because the economic advantages it offers are more readily appreciated by the poorer members of the community.

10. OUSTER OF MEMBER

Any member has the right to present his case to the board and to the general membership meeting.

THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF POSTON

COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Election Rules and Other Notes)

Since, the Articles of Incorporation has been approved by the District of Columbia and there is definite assurance of being able to obtain a license from the State of Arizona. Poston Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. shall call its first membership meetings according to the by-laws and election rules which is as follows:

1. The incumbent block delegates to the Temporary Cooperative Congress shall call the meeting to order and make necessary business reports. Following this, there shall be an election of a chairman, recording secretary and three-men election committee from among the regular members who are present at the meeting;

2. Upon the election of the chairman, the incumbent block delegate shall yield the conduct of the business to the chairman, recording secretary shall take the minutes and the election committee shall distribute, collect and count the ballots;

3. The quorum of the membership meeting is according to the by-laws, the number of the regular members who are at the said meeting;

4. Each block unit of membership shall be entitled to one delegate for each 75 members in fraction thereof in good standing, who reside within the block. (Each block which is entitled to elect only one delegate must elect an alternate who shall be present at the meetings of the delegates when and if the regular delegate is unable to attend;)

5. The meeting may elect a nominating committee which shall make a recommendations for the candidates, or, cast ballots without first nominating candidates.

6. A candidate who has received the majority of votes shall be entitled to become the delegate.

7. All elections shall be made with secret ballots. No proxy votes is permitted. Election is to be held on October 15, 1943;

8. Qualifications for the candidates are -

a. Members who are not blocked nationals in persons who have been residing within the boundary of the United States continuously since June 17, 1940,

b. Members in good standing.

c. Members who are not paid employees of the Cooperative Enterprises,

d. Members who have a fair knowledge of a cooperative system, who is unselfish, fair and cooperative, and who shall be able to attend various meetings of the delegates.

9. If the election committee discovers that no candidate has received a majority vote, they shall make the two top candidates as the candidates and recast votes to decide the delegate.

After announcing the name of the duly elected delegate, the committee shall gather all the ballots (including unused portion) and put them in a sealed envelop and shall deposit it with the name of the delegate at the block manager's office not later than 11 o'clock in the morning of October 16, 1943.

Box 21

Poston, Arizona

Date OCT 2 1944

MEMO. TO: Block Manager

FROM : PATRONAGE DIVIDEND DEPT.

SUBJECT : 1. Please make a list of all members, who turn in cash receipts at your office.

2. Please announce to all members:

a. To write full name and address plainly on face of envelope.

b. When figuring their cash receipts, please gather all nickle receipts and figure its amount, also do the same with dimes, fifteen cents, twenty cents, and etc. Dollar or more and less than a nickle receipts may be bundled together.

POSTON COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES INC

# RECEIPTS

FOR JULY, AUG., AND SEPT., 1944

To Residents of Poston:

We ask you to turn your receipts from July 1st, 1944 to September 30, 1944 by October 10, 1944 through your Block-manager's office, in order to post your purchased amount on your account during that period.

Your assistance and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

PATRONAGE DIVIDEND DEPT.

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受取證の回収

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POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

REMODLING SALE

CAMP I STORE 3

on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

Miss Sumi Nakashima, Manager of Camp 1 Store 3, Block 34, will hold a Penny Sale on Saturday, September 11th, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Store is now stocked with the full line of merchandise. The Community Enterprises is soliciting your patronage on this event. Your ONE EXTRA PENNY will buy an extra package of following merchandise.

<u>Domino Cigarettes</u> , 10 packages in carton at regular price.	\$1.25
<u>Edgewood Tobacco</u> , packet	@ .17
<u>Peanut Butter</u> , one lb. jar	@ .36
<u>Shoe Polishing Paste</u> , in tube	@ .08
<u>Hy-Pro Bleach</u> , in bottle	@ .10
<u>Sani-Clor Bleach</u> , in bottle	@ .10
<u>Saccharine</u> , 50 pills in package	@ .15

In addition to the above specials, Rice, 100# Sack, will be sold for \$8.50--a limited quantity only.

PENNY

SALES

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Poston, Arizona

August 22, 1944

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Poston, Arizona  
June 11, 1943

Report to the Public ( No. 3 )

The Consumers' Cooperative Movement in Poston is about ready to function. However, one obstacle, that is the hostile attitude of the Corporation Commission of Arizona. However, we are leaving all the legal complications to the experts of our legal department. The Poston Cooperative Enterprises have been already recognized by the Columbia Cooperative Law. At the same time our membership drive is also going on smoothly.

At present, the most important thing is to get the purchase receipts back from the resident members to determine their dividend share. Members who have accumulated their receipts should turn them in to the Community Enterprise Office through their respective Block Managers.

This will be subject to the following regulations:

1. Members should turn in their receipts single dating back from January 15, 1943 to May 31, 1943.
2. Bring your name and address clearly on the form envelopes which you can get at the block manager's office. ( If you forget this, we have no way of crediting your receipt.)
3. Count your receipts up to \$5 and bind them together. After you have counted all of your receipts, put them in the envelope and seal it carefully. The total amount must be indicated on the envelope.
4. Turn them in according to the dead line set by each Block Manager.

The Poston Community Enterprise

The Board of Trustees

The Co-op Congress

The Cooperative Congress has agreed to follow the above recommendations as submitted by Mr. Matsuda. 2-8-49

### TEMPORARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RESIGNATION

The Temporary Board of Trustees, who had been appointed on June 21, 1942, by Mr. Wade Head, Project Director, has gone through all of the difficulties, shouldering the responsibilities in building up the store as it is at present. On December 31, 1942, the Temporary Board of Trustees submitted the following resignation to the Project Director, Mr. Wade Head:

"We, the undersigned members of the Temporary Board of Trustees of the Poston Community Enterprises, do hereby tender our resignation, to be effective as of December 31, 1942, upon the acceptance of the Project Director.

This action is being taken by the undersigned as a result of several conferences held with the Poston Cooperative Congress and Mr. R. G. Fister, Chief of Poston Community Enterprises. We are taking this step since there is a body known as the Board of Directors of the Poston Cooperative Enterprises, a body elected by the people of Poston. The present Temporary Board of Trustees, not being in the same category as the above-mentioned Board of Directors, we feel that the elected body should replace the present appointed body.

May we recommend that our resignations be accepted as of December 31, 1942, and the Board of Directors of the Poston Cooperative Enterprises be appointed to replace the present Temporary Board of Trustees.

In submitting our resignations, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Project Director and to the Chief of Community Enterprises for their cooperation and for the confidence which they have placed in us."

Temporary Board of Trustees  
Community Enterprises  
(Signed) members.

### RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

Mr. Wade Head, Project Director, accepted this resignation and appointed the new Board of Trustees from the Cooperative Congress to continue services of the Community Enterprises. The new Board of Trustees have announced their intention of maintaining the service of the Community Enterprise stores for the best interests of the entire community. It is now the intention of the Cooperative Congress to hold a referendum vote of all the people of Poston to receive the authority necessary for the further development towards a democratic business operation of the Community Enterprises and for providing a means of returning patronage dividends to the residents of Poston in proportion to their purchases.

It is the declared policy of the members of the Cooperative Congress not to raise prices but just to provide extra profits which can be returned as patronage dividends, but that prices will be kept as low as good business management will allow and will be raised only as wholesale prices on the outside force them up. It is the hope of everyone connected with the Cooperative program that this can be a genuine community enterprise, that all the people will be interested in and the members of the Cooperative Congress realize the responsibilities that goes with doing a good job of management. As former successful businessmen in the community become more and more interested to help guide the destinities of the enterprises in Poston, their services will be gratefully accepted. Let us hope that greater understanding of the aims and problems of Community Enterprises, either under the trusteeship at present or the Consumer Cooperative management, if so voted by the people, can be better understood.

ROY T. YOSHIDA  
Public Relations  
(RETIRING) Board of Trustees

MINUTES

(Notes in Japanese translated to English)

Meeting

Unit I Delegates of the Cooperative Congress  
October 31, 1942--2:00 p.m.  
Block #36 Recreation Hall

Attendance--27 delegates  
Absence-- 8 "  
Chairman--Mr. Masatane Mitani

Report of the chairman:

The second meeting of the Three Unit Cooperative Coordinating Committee took place here on October 26, 1942 at 10:00 a.m. The committee were to meet with Mr. Head and Mr. Haas at 10:30 a.m., but since both were away they presented the Articles of Incorporation to the Legal Department for necessary checking. The checking was to be done within three days, and on the other hand, they decided to devote their efforts in order to quicken the embodiment of the organization.

Report of Mr. Eddie Ouchi, vice chairman:

1. Under the auspices of the Temporary Community Council, a meeting was held at the Administration building #3. The Cooperative Coordinating Committee was present with the Board of Trustees and other parties to answer various questions concerning the cooperative movement which, mainly, Mr. Mitani took charge of answering.

The following three points were answered definitely by the Administration officials at this meeting:

- (a) The Administration is in favor of this cooperative movement.
- (b) As soon as the business becomes self-supporting, whether it is the present set-up or a cooperative structure, the enterprise must pay ~~clothing allowance~~ *subsidance* to the Administration for its employees.
- (c) The present Board of Trustees is undemocratic.

Many unnecessary questions arose for the attendants were not familiar with the Administrative Instruction No. 26.

In closing, Mr. Ishimaru, chairman of the Temporary Community Council, promised he will appoint a committee, which will study this movement with the Coordinating Committee.

Request by the chairman:

With the exception of the membership committee, the other six committees have determined their chairmen and secretaries. An official announcement will be made after all officers are determined.

The delegates of the various committees to decide and put into effect their future activities.

Upon the request of Mr. Mizushima, the chairman explained the aim, duties, activities and so forth of each committee. Requests and suggestions were made later concerning these points by few delegates.

The following four items were suggested for further discussion by the chairman:

1. Membership
2. Surplus fund
3. Subscription
4. Board of Directors

The discussion of No. 1 was suspended due to the lack of time, although this matter is to be discussed again after the meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Coordinating Committee. Also, the other discussion materials are to be taken up at the next meeting.

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Resolutions:

1. The Study Group Committee meeting, which is to be held on November 4, 1942 at Block #35 mess hall, will be moved up a half an hour and start from 7:30 p.m. and only last one hour.
2. The third meeting of the delegates of the Cooperative Congress will be held on Saturday, November 7, 1942 at 2:00 p.m.
3. All approved the minutes of the first meeting of the delegates of the Cooperative Congress.

Addition to the report by Mr. Eddie Ouchi:

2. I, (Mr. Ouchi) represented the Cooperative delegates at the Issei Advisory Board meeting, which was held at the hospital conference room, Ward #7, on October 29, 1942. I answered many questions at the best of my knowledge and I think the Advisory Board obtained a better understanding towards the Consumers' Cooperative.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

# POSTON CO-OP CONGRESS

POSTON, ARIZONA.

## REPORT OF REFERENDUM

To Mr. F. K. Inagaki, Chairmen of Poston Co-op. Congress

I wish to report the result of the referendum on whether or not we should adopt the by-laws of the Poston Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., which was submitted to the Unit membership meeting held at Block \_\_\_\_\_ Mess hall on July \_\_\_\_\_, 1944.

Delegate of Co-op. Congress

District of Columbia Cooperative Association Act.

Article IV- Bylaws-Sec. 8 Adoption, amendment or repeal of bylaws- Bylaws shall be adopted, amended or repealed by at least a majority vote of members voting.

Bylaw of Poston Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., Article V Membership Meeting Sec. 11 quorum--At any regular or special meeting of a unit of membership, unit congress or of the Congress of Delegates, of which notice has been duly given, a quorum shall consist, respectively, of at least 25% of the members or delegates thereof.

July \_\_\_\_\_ 1944

Block \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Members \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members in attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Delegate of Co-op. Congress