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Meeting

Three Units Cooperative Coordinating Committee
October 19, 1942--2:00 p.m.
Block #36 Recreation Hall

Members present:

Unit #1--Messrs. Inagaki, Tazawa, Hamagiwa, Nishimoto, Ouchi, Deguchi, Mitani, Yamato.
Unit #2--Messrs. Tachibana, Yoshida, Harada, Horikawa.
Unit #3--Messrs. Shirazawa, Harada, Yamane, Okimoto, Fukutome, Kushino.

Mr. Mitani conducted the meeting as temporary chairman and the following matters were decided from the temporary plans submitted.

- (a) The Cooperative Enterprises of the 3 units are to be independent organizations and to form a centralized organization which will handle the purchases and mark-up of various commodities. This centralized organization will be the only one to be incorporated.
- (b) A Board of Directors in the centralized organization consist of 11 members of which 5 from Unit #1, 3 from both Units #2 and #3. Said members to be elected by their respective units.

To request Mr. Wade Head the following four items:

1. To obtain permission to employ six paid personnel for the cooperative education group of each unit.
2. To request for favorable decision to be given which will be advantageous to the cooperative enterprise concerning the disposal of the present assets.
3. To obtain permission that as soon as the Charter of Incorporation is issued the entire business is handed over to the new enterprise.
4. To arrange that while the cooperative delegates are attending their important meetings they are allowed to be absent from work without losing any working credit.

Letters of appreciation will be sent to Mr. John Collier, Mr. Wade Head, Cooperative experts from New York who devoted their efforts in the past, and Mr. Collins, and Mr. Myer, Chief of WRA.

Articles of Incorporation (Proposed)

- Article 1. The business of this association shall not include real estate as stated in the temporary application of the Articles of Incorporation, due to the membership of non-citizens is being included.
- Article 2. The name of this organization will be "Poston Cooperative Association".
- Article 3. No exception.
- " 4. " "
- " 5. " "
- " 6. " "
- Article 7. Membership will be recorded based on the number of shares that have been subscribed up to date. (over 25)
- Article 8. This matter involves complications in various aspects of law and business operation and therefore, requires considerable advice from the Legal Department. Unfortunately, since Mr. Haas is away at present the Committee agrees to wait for his return and continue the discussion.

A request was made by the chairman that each unit will report the results of the study on Articles of Incorporation at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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第一回 消費組合連絡委員 三團體協定 會議錄

○時日 十月十九日 午後二時
○場所 ブラウグ世六 リクリエーションホール
○出席者 ○ユニット一 杉桓、田澤、濱際、西本、大内、出口、三谷、大和、
○ユニット二 橘、吉田、原田、堀川、
○ユニット三 白澤、原田、山根、沖本、福留、串野、

三谷氏を假議長とし 非公式連絡委員会よりの提案に基き
次の如く決議す

- (一) 第一、第二、第三ユニットの各消費組合団体は、各自独立の団体とし
プライス(商品)の限定、商品仕入に關しては、別に協同的団体を
組織して、此の中央協同團體のみを法人化する事。
(二) 而して此の中に十一名の理事を置き、その理事は第一ユニットより五人
第二ユニットより各々三名を選出する事。
又 次の四項をヘッド氏に要求する事を決議す。
(一) コーポ教育部に對しアドミストレーションより各ユニットに對し六人
宛の有給人員の雇入れ許可を求むる事。
(二) コミュニティーエンタープライズに蓄積せる利益の處分に就いては、コーポに
好都合なる決定を下されん事を依頼する事。
(三) 消費組合組織許可證下附のあり次第、日を移さず コミュニティーエンタ
ープライズより營業引渡し実行の許可を與へられん事。
(四) コーポの重要會議出席に要する時間は、各委員就働せる課より
缺席許可、並に就働と認めて支拂ひを受ける計ひを願ふ事。
感謝狀の件

感謝の書面を、コリア氏、ヘッド氏、過敏經營より來り我等の間に教育運動
をせられ、専門家諸氏、コリス氏、並びに W. R. A. 長マヤー氏へ送り
て、尚將來の好意を乞ふ事を決議せり。

法律的組織形式の原文研究

第一條 原文中にリアルトエステイトに關する文字は外人の立場にある第一、
會員の關係上除去する事。

第二條 名稱は、ホストン、コーポ、ホレイテフ、アシエーションとする事。

第三條、第四條、第五條、第六條は原文通り。

第七條 之は提出当日の會員數とする事。(但し廿五名以上)

第八條 以下は慎重に討議を要し、又法律専門家の應答を必要
とする條項あれば、ハアース氏旅行中なれば、同氏の歸來を
待てて討議を約し研究を打ち切りたり。

希望

最後に議長より次の會議迄に各ユニットより法律的組織研究
結果を持参せられん事、希望を述べ。

午後四時二十分

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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 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.

Mr. Head

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MEETING (Third)

Three Units Cooperative Coordinating Committee
November 5, 1942--2:00 p.m.
Block 36 Recreation Hall

Attendance: Unit #1 9 members
Unit #2 5 "
Unit #3 5 "
Administrative staff:
Messrs. Head and Mathiesen
Chairman: Mr. Masatane Mitani

The Chairman introduced Mr. Head and Mr. Mathiesen.

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m., 50 minutes after the scheduled time due to the late arrival, caused by unavailable transportation, of the Unit #2 committee.

The Chairman explained the recent progress of the Cooperative movement and few members of the Committee requested Mr. Head to outline the steps for the Cooperative group to follow thereafter. Mr. Head presented his suggestions and the following steps were agreed upon:

1. By-laws to be checked by the Project attorney.
2. To submit the corrected By-laws to Mr. Glick, Solicitor General of WRA.
3. After Mr. Glick's approval, the Committee will present it to the delegates to obtain the final approval.
4. Together with the approved By-laws, an application for the Charter of Incorporation is to be filed at Washington, D. C. At the time of filing, there must be a majority of subscribed pledged members over 16 years of age in Poston.
5. After the arrival of the Charter of Incorporation, and confirmation by the people, the Project Director will take necessary steps to convert the store.

Discussion on Surplus Fund:

In respect to the disposal of the surplus fund of the Community Enterprise, Mr. Head specifically stated that since the money belongs to the people, it will be advisable for the people to cast their votes to decide as to its distribution. He also stated that if the pledged memberships does not reach the majority, the By-laws must be presented to the people and be fully explained to secure the majority possible and then file the Charter of Incorporation.

Resolution:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee meeting was held at Warehouse 351 from 10:20 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on May 5, 1943.

President of the Board, S. Kuramoto presided. Those present were S. Kuramoto, S. Kubo, new General Manager, K. Sugimoto, T. Kawasaki, Yoshimi Shibata, Louis Oki, James Nakagawa and Noboru Honda.

First business taken up was the request of the Watch Repair Shop, relative to carrying a larger stock of wedding and engagement rings. The request for an appropriation of \$1,500 to \$2,000 to permit carrying for display about a dozen more sets of rings was granted by the Executive Committee. In regard to carrying one or two sets of expensive rings to meet the occasional needs, the body approved such as a good business practice.

Treasurer, K. Sugimoto, requested that a definite policy be set up by the Committee regarding giving financial service by the Co-op. Through the efforts of Mr. Don Elberson, service to individuals desiring the purchase of merchandise not available here on the Project has been rendered. In order to accommodate this, Mr. Elberson has been given \$25.00 to \$50.00 at a time. However, permitting the use of such money for rendering such services entails considerable bother in keeping the books. After due consideration, it was decided that any such personal services hereafter shall be a personal business between the persons requesting the service and the person giving such a service. The Co-op will not permit the use of its funds. However, if the purchase is for the Co-op or done as a business venture, the use of Co-op funds shall be permissible.

Furthermore, the Treasurer is to request a receipt for any expenditures charged to the Co-op and the request for disbursement shall be made on a requisition form. This will leave a record for the Treasurer. All such disbursements must be approved by the Treasurer.

Regarding the appropriated train fare for Mr. Don Elberson for an Inter-Project conference trip to Los Angeles which was cancelled, the Treasurer asked for the approval of the amount spent for the trip. Mr. Elberson went as far as Stockton and returned due to a last minute cancellation of the meeting. The matter of \$14.20 charged to the Co-op as hotel, meal and gas expense in addition to the train fare was accepted by the Committee.

The Executive Secretary asked Mr. Shibata of what the policy was regarding the permitting of the display of announcements or posters in the various business places. Mr. Shibata replied that no particular policy has been set. But, at the

earliest possibility, the management would set a uniform policy.

Mr. Oki announced that possibly he may leave the Project in the near future for Spokane, Washington. The announcement was made to inform the Committee of the possible developments.

The Treasurer announced that posting of patronage record was behind two months and that he was greatly concerned about how to catch up. The reasons brought out were:

1. Inexperienced posting clerks
2. Lack of proper equipment

At this point, Miss A. Oda, Head Cashier and Supervisor, was called in. She requested that someone talk to the bankers asking them to refrain from making unreasonable requests. She stated that her sister and herself were responsible for the \$15,000 which is the check cashing fund and also an additional amount of \$5,000 to \$6,000, which is the daily amount of money handled. The request of the bankers for an additional \$5,000 to provide better accommodations for check cashing purposes was deemed too burdensome for the mere \$19.00 wages. She added that if the additional burden is requested, she would have her sister terminate her services. She felt that the responsibility of handling money was great enough. Miss Oda further stated that six or seven thousand dollars was a daily average given to the bankers for check cashing purposes. The complete useage of this amount is for about a period of one week out of a month. She added that last Friday, \$3,500 was turned over to the bankers of which only about a half of the amount was used. A desire was expressed that the bankers mind their own business.

Regarding posting of records, Miss Oda stated that the girls were already working as hard as possible. She believed that additional helpers would be unnecessary, but it would be nessary to have three or four more adding machines. If such could be provided, she believed that the posting work could be brought up to date. The Executive Committee decided that everything possible should be done to obtain the requested adding machines.

Suggestion that Mr. Shinowara be transferred from the translator's position to the position of a senior cashier; and in his place hire Mr. Hashida as the official translator was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Director of Information