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MINUTES OF  
126th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 24, 1944

126th regular weekly Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Sasato Yamate, at 34-1-F, at 3:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Roll call was answered by Messrs: Yamate, Kanzaki, Uyeda, Kawaguchi, and Tsuzuki. Excused were Messrs. Takahashi, Yoshida, and Noda.

II. Minutes

Minutes of the 123, 124, and 125th were read and approved with minor correction to 125th's.

Correction -- (page 3) "Sending of Checks Amounting to \$1,000 to Mr. Fukushima" under DECISION: The Board authorized sending of checks to him immediately addressed to 'Modern Food Company' instead of 'Denver Hotel'.

Re-discussion on the decision made by the Board of Directors on Mr. Murakami's overtime. The Board's decision was to have the decision stand as it is, i.e. no recognition to his claim.

III. Cash Position

Cash position as of November 23, 1944

Nephi Bank	\$15,679.94
Delta Bank	1,977.20
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	\$17,657.14
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,483.19

IV. Communications

- (a) Letter from Mr. Chojuro Numajiri, Cincinnati, Ohio, giving reports of the conditions in Cincinnati.
- (b) Letter from Mr. Isamu Takahashi, Board of Director who is out on a buying trip in Denver, that he was returning to Topaz on Sunday, November 26, 1944.
- (c) Letter from Center Federation Business Enterprises, Executive Secretary, Mr. Tokuyoshi Kawasaki, concerning inviting buyers from New York to the Gila Center Convention to be held next month.

DECISION: The Board of Directors approved inviting the buyers to the Gila Center for the convention.

V. Reports

Articles for the "KINEN-GO", were read by Mr. Yamate.

DECISION; With few minor corrections they were approved.

Expense for Mr. Yamate's trip

Mr. Yamate said that \$150 for the whole trip may not be enough so he wished the Board's approval that he may take extra \$100 for emergency funds.

The following is his itinerary of the trip:

- Leaving Topaz, November 27, for Poston.
- From Poston to Gila River Convention, December 4 through 7.
- From Gila River to Rohwer Center via New Orleans.
- From Rohwer to St. Louis, then to Anashe, Colorado, and back to Topaz.

DECISION: The Board approved his extra \$100 request for emergency fund and itinerary of the trip.

Sewing School Bazaar

Mr. Kanzaki reported that he and Mr. Yamate had a talk with Mrs. Fujita Sewing School Principle, concerning the bazaar, requesting her kind understanding on the Co-op's position for the plan. Following Monday November 20, she came to the Co-op Office and reported that her group abandoned the plan.

First Topaz Handicraft Fair

Mr. Kanzaki also made a report on the first Topaz Handicraft Fair to be held before Christmas. It is to be a three day affair with the committees from the Operation assisting in the preparation of this big event. This is to take place of Trading Post.

Plumber's Bill

Mr. Uyeda reported that he had contacted the plumbers and asked them to reduce the bill from \$75 to either \$45 or \$50. He said that he has not received any definite answer from them but expect within a very short time.

Suzuri Club

It was brought up about the charging the cost of trip to those people who want out on the Co-op automobile to gather suzuri rocks which is located

about 40 miles one way from Topaz Center, total 80 miles.

**DECISION:** The Board decided to charge 11 cents a mile on gasoline which may total around \$5.80 for the round trip. The bill is to be taken to Mr. Ujihara by Mrs. Uyeda. 3

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Yamamoto  
Secretary Pro Tempore

*Subject to read and approval at the next B/O meeting*

Mr. Sanford

COMBINED MEETING WITH  
BOARD OF OPERATIONS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 28, 1944

The joint meeting of the Board of Operations and Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Sasato Yamate, at 7:55 p.m. at the Co-op Office on December 28, 1944.

THOSE PRESENT:

Board of Operation. Messrs. Hoshide, Nozaka, Kobayashi, Matsumoto, Fukushima, Nakashima, Kamiyama, Oishi, Mironaka, Ono, and Tanaka.

Board of Directors. Messrs. Yamate, Kanzaki, Takahashi, Uyeda, Tsuzuki, Yoshida, Ikuma, and Kawaguchi.

FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE MADE BY MR. YAMATE:

Poston Cooperative

The Poston Center Cooperative is slowly working on the liquidation plan by closing up departments where they are not making money. He mentioned that Poston sent Treasurer, Secretary, and Buying and Purchasing Agent to the Gila Convention.

Gila Cooperative

The Convention at the Gila Center for the Cooperative Enterprises was very successful. It was held from December 4 through 7 inclusively. Much was learned through interchange of views on liquidation. The delegates were entertained with Japanese shows and plays by the residents of the Gila Center.

Concerning the Dry Goods Department, Mr. Yamate said that they have only thin cotton pieces in their stock and not too much wool goods because it is hard to get them. Store was stocked up with rather low priced goods. They have no separate Administrative Canteen like they do in Poston Center.

Movie and entertainments are taken care of by the Community Activity Section.

Liquidation Meeting

On the first day, the delegates appointed a committee for the liquidation. The Committee got together the next day and made plans to present to the General Meeting. It was suggested at the meeting to take Jerome as an example to liquidate because their method was successful.

It was mentioned that this closing of Co-op is more or less a common sense problem. One of the suggestion was not to leave dead stock. If we cannot sell goods in six months, it should be handled as a dead stock. Method of getting rid of these stocks are:

- a. Sell them cheaply to the Center people.
- b. Sell to outside market -- neighboring cities.
- c. Return to wholesalers if possible and get them exchanged with saleable goods.
- d. Sell at below cost to both center people and outsiders.

Topaz can start to liquidate by April, 1945, and try to wind up by middle of June, within which time pay all rebates and if possible pay off reserves also. The Board should be well prepared for liquidation by the end of March. After liquidation be completed, from the time Co-op goes out of business and the time center closes, temporary canteens should be opened to supply daily necessities of the people which he has a plan to be presented for approval for when the time comes.

He stated that a liquidation Committee should be appointed well in advance.

#### New Orleans

Mr. Yamate said that he went to New Orleans to see if he could purchase Tai and shrimp for the residents for the New Year but supply was not available.

#### Rohwer

Rohwer Center is the only Cooperative which is not a member of the Federation. They think that they need not have to get their supplies through New York buyers because they are near large cities as Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City. Mr. Yamate mentioned that they had the largest stock of Japanese foods in their canteen.

The Movie Department was handled by the Co-op and they were losing money on it. Mr. Yamate said that he suggested them to sell peanuts or soft drinks at the movies which might help in bringing them out of the red mark for it was successful in Topaz.

#### Amache

Mr. Yamate said that the Amache Co-op had the regular Co-op Building, a U Drive-in Market system. He mentioned that merchandising system was excellent and that he was surprised to see the soda fountain where they sold hot coffee, donuts, etc. which was well patronized.

Movie and entertainment handled by C.A.S. Mr. Yamate thinks Amache has the best business set-up.

#### Question and Answer

Mr. Tsuzuki wanted to know if we could have three people on the liquidation Committee. Mr. Yamate mentioned that he has to check it up on the rules of the Co-op regulations and will let Mr. Tsuzuki know as soon as he finds it out.

Mr. Nozaka mentioned that it might be a good idea to list all the stock in different canteen so that the Committee would know just what is in the store.

Mr. Yoshida asked if three months' time for liquidation was sufficient.

Mr. Yamate thought that it was possible if we do not have too many dead stocks.

#### Number of Employees

Mr. Nozaka wanted the Board's approval in keeping the 120 employees we have now instead of employing any more people.

DECISION: The Board decided that present policy shall be continued.

#### Promotion to \$19.00 Payroll Group

Mr. Takahashi brought up the subject of raising four employees to \$19 rating because they have been with the Co-op long and have enough experience to deserve \$19 rating.

Mr. Nozaka also mentioned that his secretary was very efficient and deserved a \$19 rating too.

DECISION: The Board approved 5 employees be advanced to \$19.00. They are as follows: Mrs. Y. Tomimatsu, Mr. Nozaka's secretary; Chiyo Tsuno of Mail Order Division; Mrs. Tsunoyo Takata from Dry Goods, Mrs. Hisayo Tagawa from Dry Goods, and Yoshiko Tanaka from Canteen No. 1.

#### New Year Party for Workers and Board

It was suggested by Mr. Nozaka through Mr. Takahashi to hold a "Shinensai" for the Co-op employees jointly with the Board of Operations and Board of Directors.

One of the Board member mentioned that the present feeling of the people in this center is not to celebrate New Year because of the war and also since the WRA has mentioned closing of the Center next year.

Mr. Yoshida approved of having a New Year's Party for the employees of the Co-op because he mentioned this is one way of getting acquainted with the people who are connected with the Co-op Office, Stores, Board members and Board of Operation members.

DECISION: It was decided to present this to the Congressmen to obtain their approval. The Congress Meeting will be held on January 9, 1945, Tuesday.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary T. Yamamoto

Approved 3/9/45

THE MINUTES OF 138TH  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 2, 1945

138th Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by New President Mr. Ikeda. As the Chairman of the Board this is his second official meeting of the Board. However, before proceeding to the business he tendered resignation, but the Board felt that first the Roll Call should be had and meeting be opened.

1. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Messrs. Ikeda, Kanzaki, Noda, Takahashi, Nozaka, Kawaguchi, Ikuma, Tsuzuki, Akiyama, Ishizaki, Hoshiga, Nakamura and Agasawa.

2. Reading of the minutes of last meeting was omitted for Mr. Yoshida who took minutes of last meeting was not present.

3. Resignation of Mr. Ikeda and Chairmanship was turned over to Mr. Kanzaki.

Mr. Yamate presented with Mr. Ikeda's resignation letter to the Board. It was read to the Board. Mr. Kanzaki requested Mr. Ikeda to explain the reason.

At this time Mr. Ikeda explained that he is obliged to resign from the Chairmanship of the Board as well as from the Board and the office of President for certain personal reason.

After the Board heard the reason which Mr. Ikeda had explained, it was the consensus of the opinion of the Board, to have his resignation recorded "pending."

DECISION:- The Board of Directors were unanimous in having his resignation shelved for a while until he hears definite news from Washington as to change of his status. Until then this case be recorded as "Pending."

4. Amendment to the By-Laws-Article XI, Dissolution, Section 1.

The Chair explained that this amendment was necessary in order to have this Co-Op dissolved legally when time comes. He also explained that this recommendation was passed already by past board and was presented to the Congress for amendment. The Congress had it postponed for action. Mr. Yamate also explained upon requested by the Chair. He has said that amendment is mandatory. It should be done before starting the liquidation. The Cooperative Laws of District of Columbia must be followed in our liquidation for our organization was organized under that laws.

Mr. Hoshiga had objection on change and said that by changing it to NEW READING, as was presented for amendment, it will make dissolution easier than what is provided now, and that should not be permitted.

Mr. Yamate has explained that, that is not the case. Mr. Hoshiga is wrong. By changing the By-Laws to conform to the Ex Laws of District of Columbia, the result will be more difficult to dissolve. Under present By-Laws a mere majority vote of the Congress will enable our dissolution. But by amending it to conform to the District of Columbia laws, it requires ( attendance or by mail ) votings by two-thirds of Congressmen, and then

a 50% majority vote can decide the issue. This applies only in case of dissolution.

Mr. Takahashi: " I think there is no need of further discussion on this proposal. It was thoroughly discussed by last board and was favorably passed for recommendation to the Congress. "

Mr. Noda: " Law is Law it should be abided by. "

"r. Nozaka " This amendment was suggested by former Acting Project Attorney Miss. Pollitt."

"r. Hoshiga wanted to see the letter.

"r. Yamate had shown the letter from Miss. Pollitt, recommending amendment to the Article XI, Section 1.

There were several more discussions from the board members on this subject, but the vote was taken for the decision.

DECISION:

Those in favor of amendment as presented by the last Board	11.
Opposed	1
Non-Committal	1

PASSED WITH OVERWHELMING MAJORITY. It will be presented to the next congress for passage.

5. Appointment of Treasurer

Mr. Ikeda has reported as to the acceptance by Mr. Shinozaki. He has politely declined, but the board was unanimous in having his reconsideration and acceptance of the appointment to the Treasurer's office.

After through discussions, the board has decided to ask Mr. Shinozaki once more to accept the appointment. Mr. Ikeda will see him once more.

6. KAIKEI KANSA -- AUDITORS

Mr. Ishizaki wished to know what has become of the office of Auditors. Mr. Kanzaki has explained that this office was abolished when we had an incident of error in making financial report by, then, auditor Mr. Ito. Mr. Yamate has explained what has happened once upon a time when a report on the earning was made for a certain quarter and net savings of the period reported and allocated as to the percentages. There was discovered that approximateley \$2000. error in the amount of profit reported. Hastily Mr. Ito retracted previous report and corrected the amount. With this incident, Mr. Ito resigned. Then, the Board and Congress changed the name of Auditors to the name of Account and Record Committee. Mr. Yamate requested of some persons to be very cautious in criticizing the report, if any error is discovered, numerically, many times, there may happen careless errors. But that is not meant dishonesty, just a careless mistakes. We have CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT to go over our record, so there could be no mistakes in official records. If any error is found, our

Certified Public Accountant will discover it when auditing the books.

Mr. Nozaka: " Usually auditor is made an officer of the firm. In our case Certified Public Accountant takes care of our account and record so there could be no mistake made. Our Certified Accountant's report is official report and it is final. "

7. Appointment of Executive Committees

The Chair reported on recommendations for ~~the~~ different committees. They are as follow;

Legal- Mr. Ikeda, Chairman- Messrs. Akiyama, Nozaka, and Yoshida.  
Finance- Mr. Nozaka, Chairman- Messrs. Kanzaki, Aso and Ishizaki  
Account and Record- Mr. Ikuma, Chairman- Messrs. Ikeda, Akiyama, and Takahashi.

Education- Mr. Tsuzuki, Chairman- Messrs. Takahashi, Nozaka and Ikeda.

Merchandise- Mr. Kanzaki, Chairman- Messrs. Ikoma, Tsuzuki and Kawaguchi.

Public Relation- Mr. Yoshida, Chairman- Messrs. Tsuzuki, Ishizaki, and Hoshiga.

Personel- Mr. Takahashi, Chairman- Messrs. Noda, Tsuzuki and Hoshiga.

Production- Mr. Ishizaki, Chairman- Messrs. Aso, Nakamura and Hoshiga.

Service- Mr. Kawaguchi, Chairman- Messrs. Noda, Nakamura and Yoshida.

Fact Finding- Mr. Akiyama, Chairman- Messrs. Nozaka, Kawaguchi and Nagasawa.

Cash Service- Mr. Noda, Chairman- Messrs. Nozaka, Yoshida and Ikoma.

DECISION:

The Board was unanimous in accepting above recommendations.

8. NEXT CONGRESS.

The Board decided to have Congressional Meeting be held on March 13, 1945.

9. REPORT MADE BY EX-CHAIRMAN ON ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE COOP. for transfer to the New Board.

Mr. Yamate reported that, March 1st was to be the date of transfer of business to the new board. However, due to the fact that Cash Service Department will not be able to make a complete report to February 28th. until later date, he asked the Board to accept record as of March 1, 1945 as given by the respective department head.

Treasurer's Report through Mr. Sakai;

Nephi Bank	\$ 34,639.40
Delta Bank	1,977.20
Total	\$ 36,616.60

Account payables 2,459.08

NOTE: Mr. Sakai reported that there was <sup>an</sup> overlooked ~~an~~ item that came in later the amount of which was \$22.59 for additional rebate payments for the months of January to June 1944 ( 6 months.)

NOTE: Continued

Mr. Sakai reported that after deduction of \$22.59 from Nephi Bank balance there should be \$34,616.81 as of March 1, 1944  
No change in the amount deposited with Delta Bank.

Above figures are after deduction of rebate payments for July, August and September, 1944 which amounted to \$ 8,308.35 The difference between \$10,929.09 is for Allocated General Reserve of patrons.

\$22.59 was charged off balance after deduction of rebate payment for July, August and September 1944.

\$10,929.09	
<u>8,308.35</u>	
\$ 2,620.74	
<u>22.59</u>	
\$2,598.15	for Allocated General Reserve.

TOPAZ CASH SERVICE DEPT ( As of the close of the business Feb.28,1945 )

Assets:

Cash on hand	\$23,563.37	
Bank Balance	27,783.74	—this figure subje
Postage Stamp	200.00	reconciliation w/
		bank statement
		comes

Liabilities:

Loans as of 2/28/45	50,531.16
Collection Pending	237.79
Inter Dept. Account Payab	
le as of	
12/31/44	
<u>405.74</u>	

Mr. Yamate made further report for the business done during three months period, October, November and December, 1944 as follow;

Gross Sales of All Departments Before Taxes	\$127,007.14
LESS TAXES	<u>2,474.12</u>
Net Sales of All Dept.	\$124,533.02

Gross Sales of Department which issued rebate tickets	\$ 99,566.85
LOST TICKETS of the period	<u>5,021.36</u>
TICKETS TURNED IN FOR REBATE	----- \$ 94,545.49

DONATED TICKETS of the period \$2,909.85

NET SAVINGS of the period \$13,860.02

Percentage of net savings for the period- 13.92032 %

What percentage for Rebate and what percentage for allocated general reserve, are to be determined by the New Board and Congress.

In presenting above figures Mr. Yamato cautioned that there may be minor corrections upon receipt of Auditors Report.

Mr. Yamato requested of the Board that the above figures are the tentative figures of assets and liabilities of the Co-Op to be transferred from the Old Board to the New Board, as of ~~the~~ March first, 1945, at the opening of that days business.

10. Merchandise Chairman's Report

Mr. Kanzaki reported that the business has been down grade for sometime and is difficult to operate. January business was over \$10,000.00 lower compared with December, 1944.

Merchandise position- Inventory is ~~\$33,513.97~~ \$33,513.97 syrup \$1717.14, materials ~~\$26.00~~ \$26.00 and expense supply \$755.71 TOTAL \$36,012.82 ( Dec. 31, 1944 )

Dry Goods is not in warehouse. What is left in the warehouse is all stocks for Canteen No. 1

Meeting adjourned 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Sasato Yamato

Executive Secretary

THE MINUTES OF 139TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING

March 9, 1945

139th Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kanzaki, Vice Chairman of the Board, in absence of Mr. Ikeda and due his resignation and acceptance of the same pending, at 2:54, at 2:30 P.M.

The minutes of 137th and 138th Board of Directors meeting were read and approved, with the exception on the 137th when Mr. Yamate had taken an exception to a sentence which Mr. Hoshiga had said against Mr. Yamate.

Mr. N zaka called attention of Mr. Takahashi as to what he has said in reply to Mr. Hoshiga's remark about Mr. Yamate, and had suggested that Mr. Takahashi's protest should be included in the minutes or Mr. Hoshiga withdraw his criticism out of the minutes entirely, in order to smooth down the atmosphere of the Board in order to execute boards duties harmoniously and smoothly. He stressed importance of harmony among the Board embers and officers, for a successful administration. The Board felt the same way, and many members expressed their thought, that that is better. Mr. Takahashi expressed his thought on the point that that portion of the minutes be stricken out from the minutes. Mr. Hoshiga agreed to it. But when Mr. Yamate stated that a new sheet will be prepared for the page two, Mr. Hoshiga objected in taking it out from the record.

Mr. Yamate: Mr. Hoshiga seems to have some misunderstandings. I think Mr. Hoshiga and I should get together and have things talked over for the sake of clarification. We were to have met sometime ago, but it never materialized.

Mr. Hoshiga: That should have been done, when you were Chairman of the Board, it is too late now.

Mr. Yamate: No, I don't think it too late. My public acts are there, all recorded in the minutes of Congress and also in the minutes of the Board of Directors. You are welcome to look into the official record, Mr. Hoshiga. I resent any criticism purported to defame my character.

Mr. Hoshiga: Well, I can state it again, if you so desire.

Mr. Nozaka: How would be to have it dropped here.

Mr. Noda: and That is better way.

Mr. Ikoma:

Mr. Tsuzuki: I should think it is unnecessary to discuss here. It is just waste, waste of time. If you wish to talk things over, you may do so at sometime later at somewhere. This is hardly the place for such discussion. Let us drop it right here and be done with it.

Mr. Takahashi: That would be better. No use of wasting time here.

Mr. Yoshida: Nothing was said against your character. I had just put down a sentence out of what he has said. That is all.

Mr. Hoshiga: I would like to have you all with us when we meet. I would like to clarify for a period of one year.

Mr. Yamate: You meant last two years and a half. Mr. Hoshiga you are looking for a revenge. Are you not? I believe that is wrong.

Mr. Tsuzuki: Of course Mr. Yamate has political enemies. That is natural to all public office holders and therefore, Mr. Yamate should not take it too seriously.

Mr. Yamate: That is right. I did not know Mr. Hoshiga until I came here. Even after his arrival here, I had no private association, therefore, my association with him is all public, with Co-Op as the center of my public activities. My public record is open to public, as President of Co-operative and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Hoshiga should have no personal grudge against me. My public life is well known in this center, and was well supported by the Congress in all major problems. This is shown in the votes casted in favor of major problems, and at the same time, it is not my personal issues—they were public issues. My official records are clear and honorable. I have absolute confidence in that. Mr. Hoshiga was unfortunately in opposition camp everytime. You certainly remember well many incidents very well Mr. Hoshiga.

No words came from Mr. Hoshiga when Mr. Yamate made above statement.

Mr. Tsuzuki: That is why, Mr. Yamate you should drop right here. If anyone wants to see records, they can read the minutes.

Mr. Yamate: In view of the above facts, I sincerely believe that there is nothing could be gained by going over my public records now. Since, the confidence of the large majority of the Board Members are expressed in the number of votes casted in my favor for election as an officer, I shall drop my protest against Mr. Hoshiga's criticism. Then, the incident is closed on my part.

The Board approved of closing of the incident.

The Chair, then proceeded with the business of the day.

Mr. Kanzaki: We had Messrs. Matsuno and Kitano for Congressional Secretaries for past one year. Shall we continue their services?

There were a brief discussion on this proposal.

DECISION:

The Board unanimously approved Messrs. Kitano and Matsuno as Congressional Secretaries.

Signatures for Checks and

The Chair inquired of the Board who should sign the checks.

DECISION:

President, Vice President and Treasurer shall sign them.

TREASURER

The Chair reported that Mr. Shinozaki still hesitating to accept. He requested advise of the Board.

There were brief discussion in this regard.

DECISION:

The Board has decided to have this "pending " and wait decision for further considerations and in the meantime ask Mr. Shinozaki acceptance.

REBATE PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER, 1944

The Chair explained that record for three months covered by October, November, and December 1944 is now available, and asked Mr. Yamate to explain in his behalf.

Mr. Yamate presented the record of business and its result, same as reported in last Board Meeting. The figures were given as follow;

Gross Sales For Which Rebate Tickets were Issued	\$99,566.85
Tickets Turned In For Rebate	94,545.49
( Including Donated Tickets )	
\$ 2,909.85	
Lost Tickets That Did Not Come Back to Office	5,021.36
Net Savings of the Period	13,860.92
Percentage of Patronage Refund	13.92032 %

NOTE: Above figures are subject Auditors Check-Up. But usually, there is very little change after Auditting. If any adjustment is necessary that could be done from Unallocated Reserve, which derive from

Mr. Yamate recommended to the Board that the matter of percentage for rebate and reserve rests with the Board and Congress, but his recommendation is 12 % for cash rebate and 1.92% for allocated general reserve.

STOPPING OF ISSUING REBATE CHECKS

Stopping of the rebate checks issuing was proposed by the Chair. Mr. Kanzaki has stated that in order to clear up the books and prepare distribution of the rebate, the Co-Op stop issuing the rebate checks as of March 31, 1945. This is the recommendation of the Operation Board.

Mr. Kawaguchi: That seems to be right thing to do.

Mr. Nozaka: Mr. Isoye wishes it be approved by the Board, if it could be done legally.

Mr. Ishizaki: What are you going to do with the profit after that ?

Mr. Nozaka: Will try to reduce the price after that, to the limit, if possible, so that profit left will be small.

- Mr. Ishizaki: People should be notified.
- Mr. Tsuzuki: We have promised reduction of prices last year, now time has come that we can do it.
- Mr. Takahashi: May be it would be better, if we prepare Question and Answer and let people answer. Mr. Tsuzuki, can you prepare for us that. Then, too, Congressmen take responsibility toward own block.
- Mr. Yamate: Legal steps should be taken. We should watch out against penalty if we fail to practice cooperative system.
- Mr. Yoshida: People want low price, but the rumor is that the Co-Op is closing a step earlier than W.R.A. announcement. People are wishing that the center be open long as possible. For this reason the Co-Op may fall into dilemma.
- Mr. Tsuzuki: The Co-Op is to operate without profit.
- Nozaka:  
Mr./You have to understand that it is impossible to operate with even-break.

Decision:

The Board decided to stop issuing rebate checks after March 31 provided it could be done legally. This is to be recommended to the Congress.

Mr. Sanford should be notified of this and have him write to Washington about this and find out if it could be done legally.

PREPARATION FOR CONGRESS

The Board has decided to make following agenda presented to the Congress;

1. Stopping of issuing rebate checks after March 31, 1945  
Mr. Isoye and Mr. Nozaka will explain it.
2. Proposal of rebate percentages and its payment for the months of October, November and December 1944 Mr. Nozaka-Finance Chairman will explain that to the Congress.
3. Proposal for amendment to the By-Laws on Dissolution. This is old business, but must be presented again.

SODA WATER AND PEANUTS SELLING AT MOVIE HOUSE

Mr. Yoshida has explained that refreshment and drink selling and peanuts selling at movie house is protested by some mothers of his block, and that he wished that it be stopped. Mr. Noda explained that peanuts and drink selling netted over \$100.00 profit during Oct. Nov, and December 1944, which minimized the loss for that period to \$311.81. The consensus of the opinion of the Board was for continuation of peanuts and drink sell be continued.

DONATION TO HIGH SCHOOL'S " RAMBLING CLUB "

Mr. Takahashi reported that High School students wish some donation for Carnival. They asked favor of \$15.00 or so in merchandise. After thorough discussions the Board approved their appeal.

Decision:

That the Co-Op will donate approximately \$20.00 in merchandise to Rambling Club.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

*Approved*  
*4/27/45*

THE MINUTES OF 140th BOARD MEETING

March 24, 1945

The 140th Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Mr. Kanzaki.

1. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Messrs. Kanzaki, Takahashi, Noda, Akiyama, Nozaka, Nagasawa, Hoshiga, and Ishizaki.

The Chair explained why it delayed to hold this meeting.

2. Reading of the minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of last Board meeting was read and approved.

3. Communications:

- a. A report is received from Block 23 informing us that Mr. George Ochikubo will replace Mr. Fujino for Congressman from that block.
- b. Resignation letter of Mr. Tsuzuki was read. The Board regreted his resignation, and unanimously have decided to have a committee make a visit to Mr. Tsuzuki and have him withdraw the resignation. Messrs. Kanzaki, Nakamura, and Takahashi and Noda were appointed to contact Mr. Tsuzuki. at once.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The announcement was made at the congress for termination of issuing re-nate tickets from April 1, 1945, but this is contingent to the permission from W.R.A. and it must be done legally. Mr. Nozaka sent telegram through Mr. Sanford, asking Mr. Neil McNeal to <sup>ok</sup> the same. No answer is received as yet.
- b. Mr. Takahashi is elected to Chairmanship of Legal Dept.

Through suggestion of Mr. Nozaka, a new Chairman of Legal Committee was elected in the person of Mr. Takahashi. With unanimous vote he was elevated to the Legal Chairmanship. The Committee can look forward for very busy days for arising cloud of storm is imminent.

- c. Report on Last Election, at which time Mr. Kawaguchi and Mr. Nagasawa were elected to the Board of Directors.

At last General Election, when the Board of Directors were elected there happened that Mr. Ohye and Mr. Tanaka declined on the spot, as soon as they were among the luckiest list among candidates. In order to fill complete 15 members to the Board of Directors, Mr. Yamate, then, Chairman of Cooperative Congress (President) has asked how two more congressmen shall be elected, by balloting, or otherwise. He suggested the winners of next two highest number of votes received persons be elevated into the Board Membership. The floor of Congress wanted to know who they were. Thereupon, Mr. Yamate told the floor of congress that Mr. Nagasawa and Mr. Ka

waguchi were the highest in number of votes, having each 25 votes, short of  $\frac{1}{2}$  vote for fully elected. He asked if the floor wanted them to become Board Members. The floor responded with enthusiasm for it. Mr. Yamate asked if it should be by balloting or by raising hands. The floor wanted it decided by raising hands, for the time is getting to be late. The Chair has said those in favor of electing Mr. Kawaguchi and Mr. Nagasawa for the Board, please raise hands. " 28 Yes. 3 Nos. Then, Mr. Yamate announced that these two gentlemen were elected to directorship, and he had called out those elected new directors by name as listed as being elected.

#### RESOLUTION OF BLOCK 36

The Block Assembly of Block 36 has sent in a resolution to the effect that election of Mr. Nagasawa and Mr. Kawaguchi is legal. Article V, Section 2, clearly states that special method of election is permissible. Raising hand is one way of voting. Ayes and Noes by voice is also a way of voting. Their contention is that when any one refuse to accept result of election at that moment, before acceptance is no resignation. No vacancy were ever created. Election of Mr. Kawaguchi and Mr. Nagasawa to board is perfectly legal.

#### MR. FURUICHI'S RAISING OF SUSPICION ON THE STATEMENT

The Block Assembly of Block 36 made investigation as to the correctness of Mr. Sam Furuichi's statement made at 39th Congress. Mr. Tsumori and Mr. Dowke made investigations as to the statement made by Sam Furuichi in regard to \$50.00 over ime payment. They found out that payment of \$50.00 was the result of decision of the Board of Directors at 110th meeting, August 18, 1944. Mr. Tsumori and Mr. Dowke made signed statement that there is nothing wrong with the Co-Op's books. Payment of \$50.00 to Mr. Furuichi is perfectly authorized and legal.

- Mr. Takahashi: There is nothing wrong with the election of Mr. Kawaguchi and Mr. Nagasawa. One should not rush. We have 11 committies in the Board, each having specialized authority. Any one can tell who is right and who is wrong at the congressional arguments the other day.
- Mr. Noda: There is no question as to the liguity of last election, and election of Mr. Nagasawa and Mr. Kawaguchi.
- Mr. Takahashi: By-Laws and Article of Incorporation was written with careful study. We have Executive Committees. Let legal Committee make study of it thoroughly. If any one has any question, as to the books and records, why not let them come over to the office and let them investigate all they want. Nothing shall stop operation of business.
- Politic shall not be played in the congress.
- Mr. Kanzaki: I will explain all at the congressional meeting.
- Mr. Takahashi: By-Laws clearly provides that election by raising hand is legal, for it is one of the " Ben-Po " in election. There were no vacancy. Mr. Ohye and Mr. Tanaka just refused to accept result of election, not resignation, they never accepted.

RESOLUTION OF BLOCK 9

Mr. Kanzaki: The Block 9 Resolution caused much troubles and disturbed the congress and our mind, but according to the report and opinion from Mr. Buchanan, Project Attorney, definitely states that resolution passed by the 39th Cooperative Congress is in violation of By-Laws. Mr. Yamate should have been given a chance to answer charges.

We were surprised to see Mr. Sanford at our office two days after ( in the early morning before office opened ) the congressional meeting ( March 13 th. ) in quest of finding more informations on the motion passed by 39th Congress. Later on Mr. Hoffman also called in Mr. Nozaka and myself to Mr. Hoffman's office in regard to the resolution against r. Yamate. He already had many important informations about last congressional meeting. After much discussion Mr. Hoffman said that "Mr. Yamate need not resign." He already seems to have got legal opinion of Mr. Buchanan in this regard.

Mr. Nozaka: Mr. Hoffman would not say so unless he is authoritatively have a positive proof that Mr. Yamate need not resign. Perhaps he had opinion of Project Attorney already.

Mr. Sanford and Mr. Buchanan were also there in Mr. Hoffman's office.

Mr. Buchanan asked " Was Mr. Yamate there at the meeting ? " I said " No " Was he given a notice ? I said " Not I know of. " Then he asked " Was some one sent to him notifying the case is UP ? " I said " No. " Well, he said, " then Mr. Yamate need not resign. "

Mr. Takahashi: Did Mr. Sanford say anything ?

Mr. Nozaka: Yes, he has asked many questions. I was surprised they already knew all about the congressional meeting. Mr. Buchanan said that Mr. Yamate should be given a chance to answer charges. His opinion was that measure passed against Mr. Yamate is ILLIGAL.

Mr. Yamate: I told Mr. Kanzaki at the office , just before I was leaving for home, that I will not be able to be at the congressional meeting that night for I was not feeling well, and beside, we had block meeting. I also told Mr. Kanzaki that Mr. Kitano and Mr. Matsuno were appointed by the Board to be special Congressional Secretary, therefore, my service may not be needed that night. Mr. Kanzaki felt that I could be excused that night from congressional meeting. That I was not absent without understanding secured from Mr. Kanzaki.

Mr. Noda: You should look things from right angle.

Mr. Hoshiga: Mr. Yamate, why were you not there at congress meeting ? I am informed that you were washing in the laundry.

Mr. Yamate: You heard what I have said just a while ago. I may had to wash babys diapers regardless of feeling well or not. I usally do it

once a day, regardless of sunshine or rain to help Mrs. Yamate. What has it got to do with congressional meeting ?

Mr. Takahashi: Mr. Kitano and Mr. Matsuno were appointed as the congressional Secretary, why ~~is~~ Mr. Yamate got to be there ? They can take minutes in Japanese efficiently. They served last year too. Why Mr. Hoshiga is so particular about it ? Mr. Hoffmans opinion based on Mr. Buchanan's report and his opinion is good enough for us. At next congressional meeting, we just make reports. That is sufficient. Needs no argument. If they are not satisfied, ~~we~~ they can go and ask Mr. Buchanan. Just make report to the congress, that is sufficient.

Mr. Kanzaki: If we dont get together and cooperate we get in a tough spot. I wish to get a advises from you before going to congress. I wish you will give us cooperation and give me advises. I wish the legal Committee will please give me advises.

We should make study of Utah laws also. We should have outside lawyers advise also. This is especially so for we are facing liquidation.

Mr. Takahashi: I wish the congress will follow the business lines. Not politic. But if we are pressed on with the politics, we should accept the ir challenge.

Mr. Yoshida: . Instead of studyin; the laws of Utah, why not " bamp on it and ask ligal questions to a reliable Utah lawyer ?

Mr. Nozaka: I believe that we should have outside lawyer also, and not to depend too much on Project Attorney for he is too busy man, and beside he may not be prepared with Utah Laws.

Mr. Yoshida: I agree with Mr. Nozaka. Mr. Buchanan is W.R.A's attorney, for this reason, we should have outside lawyer also, in order to have ourselves be ready for " IN CASE. "

Mr. Ishizaki: We have majority vote of congress. How about your resignation?

Mr. Yamate: You can have your opinion. I have mine. Keep yours for your own convinience. I will not resign. Take it and keep it for good.

Mr. Hoshiga: Why dont you call all Board members for the meeting of the board?

Mr. Kanzaki: We had many committee meetings so far, and this is the first time in a long time. We are slow in motion. But we are doing right thing. We do not wish to rush things. I believe that is right way of doing things at time like this.

Mr. Hoshiga: If you are to get lawyer from outside, I think it better to get understanding of the congress also, and not do it by the board. also.

Mr. Nizaka: If it is to be made as a material for politic ,then it is better to drop the proposal right now.

RESIGNATION OF MR. NAKAMURA

Resignation letter from Mr. Nakamura was read.

After a short discussion on the letter, the board have decided to have a committee contact Mr. Nakamura to ask his reconsideration.

DECISION:

Mr. Nakamura is to be contacted by a committee consisting of Mr. Noda, Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Kanzaki and request him to reconsider his resignation.

Board have decided to have Mr. Nakamura withdraw his letter of resignation.

The above message is to be delivered to Mr. Nakamura at once.

DATE FOR SPECIAL CONGRESS

Date for Special Congress is to be announced shortly, perhaps it shall be Thursday this week or no later than Friday night.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF  
141ST. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 30, 1945

Mr. Hoffman  
Mr. Sanford

1. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Messrs. Kanzaki, Takahashi, Noda, Kawaguchi, Nozaka, Tsuzuki, Hoshiga, Nakamura, ~~Amiyama~~, Aso, and Nohaida.

2. Minutes of the last meeting was omitted for it was not yet ready.

3. Communications

New Congressmen were reported from Block 23 Messrs. Ochikubo, and Jintaro Uyeda will replace Messrs. Fujino and Sasaki.

4. Cash position of the Treasury

Mr. Kanzaki reported as follow;

At Commercial Bank of Nephi	\$37,251.45
Delta Bank	1,977.20
Total	<hr/> \$39,228.65

Account Payable \$3,747.43

5. Committee Report

CASE OF BLOCK 9-The Chair explained the resolution of Block 9, against Mr. Yamate. He has requested presence of Mr. Uyeda and Mr. Fukawa of its Block Assembly, in order to ascertain the responsibility of the resolution of supposed to be the Block Resolution. Mr. Uyeda and Mr. Fukawa are Block Chairman of the Assembly and Secretary, respectively. Mr. Uyeda had said that he knew nothing of the resolution and that the Block Assembly is not responsible for it. Mr. Fukawa had said that it was Block meeting's responsibility, and not that of Assembly.

Mr. Fukawa said that the resolution in question was written by Mr. Tanaka, Congressman of his block.

Mr. Yamate has reported that on March 23 rd. Messrs. Takahashi, Kawaguchi and himself had called upon Mr. Ishio Takahama, to ascertain what had been discussed and resolved at the Block meeting, for Mr. Takahama was the Chairman of the meeting that night (March 6, 1945) Mr. Takahama said that there was nothing discussed about Mr. Yamate's character or his personality. The meeting never had resolved on his character or his personality. The meeting had resolved on the syrup loss which was reported by Mr. Yamate as then, president of the CoOp, at 37th Cooperative Congress, as one of the reason of small earnings for July, August and September, 1944. Under the signed statement, Mr. Takahama swore that there was no accusation against Mr. Yamate's character. Mr. Takahama's statement is in Mr. Yamate's possession. The supposed resolution of the block was Mr. Tanaka's own opinion expressed in writing. Mr. Tanaka had admitted that.

Mr. Takahashi made report as to the Block 9 resolution and meeting with Mr. Tanaka at the office in regard to his writing of the resolution. Mr. Tanaka admitted that he was wrong and that he will apologize publicly and write letter of apology to Mr. Yamate.

6. Resolution for Distribution of NET SAVINGS for the period, October, November and December, 1944.

" Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Topaz Consumers Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. will distribute entire net savings of the corporation for the period covered by the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945.

*what part?*  
And, Be It Resolved further, that the net savings of the period be distributed to the patrons on the basis of their patronage of the period, part of which be set aside as the allocated reserve, and allocated general reserve, the remaining portion be distributed within the reasonably short period of time, to the patrons. "

7. Election Result Question : Committee Report.

Mr. Nakamura: I thought Mr. Sasaki had said that Committee be appointed.

Mr. Takahashi: That was for Mr. Ikeda's case.

Messrs. Tsuzuki and Nozaka agreed to Mr. Takahashi's statement.

Mr. Nozaka: The Chairman had suggested that it be referred to the legal committee.

The legal committee Chairman Mr. Takashi reported that the election of Messrs. Nagasawa and Kawaguchi is legal in the light of the By-Laws. Mr. Takahashi gave legal reasons based on the By-Laws.

#### AGENDA FOR THE COMING CONGRESS:

1. The Chair stated that the Board of Directors should uphold the decisions of the Board at Congress, regardless of his personal opinion, on the question. If majority decides, that shall be the decision for all Board members. The Board members are ethically responsible toward the resolution of the Board.

Mr. Kawaguchi: We should resolve to abide by the Board's decisions.

Mr. Nozaka: Board members are ethically bound to the decisions of the Board at all the time.

Mr. Tsuzuki: We are 15 members are responsible for the Board's decision. We should discuss fully at the Board, but once decision is made, every Board members are bound together to respect the decision.

Mr. Nakamura: If there is better proposition, then, dont you think we can decide for the better measure ?

- Mr. Takahashi: What Mr. Tsuzuki is saying is that ONE SHOULD NOT BETRAY THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BOARD AND THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF ITS MEMBERS. TO OBEY MAJORITY VOTE is democratic way of the running Co-Op. The Board is responsible for the all decisions made as whole. Any board member SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DOUBLE CROSS THE DECISION of the Board. If anyone cannot take same step with the rest of the Board members, after decision is reached, he should resign. One is free to act, but if he likes freedom, and do not want to take responsibility of the Board, such person should resign from the Board. The reason, we are obliged to discuss this sort of unpleasant thing is, because, we had experienced very unpleasant double crossing by some board member. We should not permit repetition of the same for it is destructive acts.
- Mr. Tsuzuki: If the Board erred in its decision, it should first be taken up within the Board, and not in the Congress, when he is a member of the Board. Cooperation is essential.
- Mr. Nozaka: We don't like "Gata-Gata." We have more important problems before us. Liquidation is matter of time now. We can never achieve important decisions if we have to have same disturbance as what we had experienced at last Congress. I believe it is necessary to have a committee to check-up measures before the Congress, before we take it up in the Congress. I am disgusted with the atmosphere of last Congress.
- Mr. Hoshiga: I agree to cooperate as far as possible. But I do not wish to bind myself to the proposed "binding ethic."
- Mr. Nozaka: I believe the Board members should not take opposite action in the Congress, after the Board reached a decision. Board members should support in the Congress, for the measures decided by the Board.
- Mr. Aso: What can one do when Board's decision is contrary to the wishes of the Block he represents?
- Mr. Nozaka: At such a time, one should first present it to the Board meeting.
- Mr. Takahashi: Meaning of the words "Binding" don't mean for tie-up hands. It means support the decisions of the Board at Congress. One is ethically bound to it.
- Mr. Hoshiga: I am opposed to the wording "Binding Ethic."
- Mr. Tsuzuki: Board responsibility is Rentai-Seki-Nin. We are all responsible to the Board's Decisions. IT IS ETHICAL QUESTION. IT IS ONE'S MORAL ATTITUDE. IT IS "TOKU-GI" question.
- Mr. Nozaka: It is question of ETHIC. Business firm should not be turned into a political arena.

- Mr. Takahashi: The way rocking the Co-Op, I am afraid we lose good men from Co-Op. It is actually getting difficult to get workers, for they relocate daily. We all don't like the atmosphere.
- Mr. Tsuzuki: BINGING is meant that the Board members are MORALLY AND ETHICALLY binding to the Board's Decision. On ethical basis, we would like to have cooperation of all Board members.
- Mr. Nozaka: I wish to see politic be abolished. It affects moral of the employee. For the sake of serving the people, we must ask cooperations.
- Mr. Tsuzuki: We should do something about it against irresponsible statements like the one which Sam Furuichi made at the Congress the other day. This is disgrace to the dignity of the Board and good name of the Co-Op. This is the first time, the Board was ever accused of "Doro-Bo" insinuation. Why not have a Congressional Committee investigate our records, and be satisfied with the investigation. ~~We have xxxxx~~ We invite investigation at anytime.
- Mr. Takahashi: Case like Sam Furuichi should be carefully checked-up and investigated. The Congressional Committee investigate the record. That will be good thing to clarify the questions involved. Or else, let present Executive Committee investigate and make report back to the Congress.
- Mr. Nozaka: We should resolve for a gentleman agreement, along the line which Mr. Tsuzuki suggested.
- Mr. Kanzaki: Like Mr. Tsuzuki had said, I wish to have BINDING ETHIC on the part of all Board members, and respect Board's decisions.
- Mr. Takahashi: I suggest that Mr. Tsuzuki be good enough to write an "understandings" of the Board members. Shall we say, a gentlemen agreement? Have Mr. Tsuzuki draft one for us.

DECISION:

The Board decided to have <sup>a written</sup> an ETHICAL POLICY of Board members, <sup>in order</sup> to have ~~as to~~ the decisions of the Board of Directors, <sup>respected by every</sup> ~~board members~~.

The meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Sasato Yamate

Executive Secretary.

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THE MINUTES OF 142 ND BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING

April 3, 1945

142 nd Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Kan-zaki, on the night of April 3, 1945 at 7:30 P.M. .

1. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by Messrs. Kan-zaki, Takahashi, Noda, Ikuma, Kawaguchi, Nozaka, Nagasawa, Tuszuki, Hoshiga and Aso.

2. READING of 141 ST BOARD MEETING.

The minutes of 141 st Board meeting was read and approved with minor change on the last page " DECISION. " It was changed to read;

" The Board decided to have a written ETHICAL POLICY of Board members, in order to have the decisions of the Board of Directors, respected by every member. "

3. Communications

1. Copy of letter sent to us from Mr. Sanford on PATRONAGE REFUND tickets an opinion rendered by Mr. Buchanan, Project Attorney.
2. Teletype letter from Mr. McNeal, Washington, D.C. on rebate tickets issue.
3. Letter of thanks from Mr. Uchida for sending him Second Year Memory Book.
4. Letter from Mr. Sanford, a copy of letter written by Mr. Buchanan as to the informations on Topaz Credit Union.
5. Letter of thanks from Mr. Kawasaki, who relocated to California.
6. Mr. Buchanan's opinion ~~that~~ on Executive Secretary's case.
7. Mr. Hoffmans Administrative Stand on the Executive Secretary Case- that they will stand by the decisions of the Board, provided it is in accordance with the By-Laws.
8. Mr. Buchanan's letter rendering opinion on " the removal of officers and directors.

Resignations of the Board Members

1. Mr. Nakamura resigned. Board is going to have him " HORYU. "
2. Mr. Ishizaki- Mr. Ishizaki's resignation was accepted.

CHANGE OF CONGRESSMAN BLOCK 11

Mr. Norichika Akamatsu will succeed Mr. Morioka who is ill.

CASH POSITION OF TREASURY

Mr. Kanzaki reported as follow;

Deposit with Commercial Bank of Nephi	\$40,429.07
Delta Bank	1,977.20
Total	<u>\$42,406.27</u>
Account Payable	\$5,710.76

PETITION FOR CALLING SPECIAL CONGRESS AND ADVISE TO THE BOARD TO RESIGN

Mr. Kanzaki called attention of the Board to the grave petition and advise to the Board to resign "en-Masse" by certain group of the Congressmen, headed by Mr. Hoshiga and Ishizaki.

Mr. Takahashi: I notice that your name is on this petition Mr. Hoshiga. What is the reason of your signing this petition and advise to the Board for resignation as whole body? You are a Board member.

Mr. Hoshiga: Our Block Assembly met last night and have decided to request entire Board to resign "So-Ji-Shoku". The reason I signed is because I am a Congressman from my block.

Mr. Noda: You have signed as the Congressman, then?

Mr. Hoshiga: Yes.

Mr. Takahashi: When did you sign the document calling the Special Congress?

Mr. Hoshiga: I have signed it on Sunday night at Block 19 meeting.

Mr. Takahashi: That being the case, when you signed that paper you had not yet consulted your Block Assembly, for you only had meeting last night?

Mr. Hoshiga: That is right. I took 3 pointed reasons for the Block Assembly as the reasons for requesting ~~entire Board resignation~~ Special Congress and Today, additional FU-SHIN-NIN, requesting entire Boards resignation, was signed by me.

Mr. Noda: But you signed the petition before you consulted Block Assembly.

Mr. Takahashi: Then you have three reasons for requesting entire Board member step out of the office? You are one of the member and that means that you impeach yourself?

Mr. Hoshiga: Block Assembly gave consent to call Special Congress. We had Block Manager and City Council also present at the meeting and had resolved to have entire Board resign.

Mr. Kawaguchi: How come? You are one of the Board member. Your block want you to resign from the Board. Is that right?

Mr. Hoshiga: Yes.

Mr. Noda: What is your thought in this regard ?

Mr. Hoshiga: I want to know your thought first. Then I will give you mine.

Mr. Noda: Whoever, the person that had written this petition and wrote reasons the charges made against the Board is very poor and trivial charge that do not merit consideration. It is very poorly written.

Mr. Takahashi: Mr. Hoshiga, your conduct at last two Congressional meetings show clearly that you are not cooperating with the Board as the Board member, and you do not abide by the majority's decision of the Board. You don't seem to realize the moral responsibility of the Board member as to the Board's decisions. At last Congressional meeting, you know very well, the Board had full intention of making report only. Yet, you had gone into the argument against the Board's decision, in the Congress. CAN YOU TELL US, IF YOU ARE THE LEADER OF ALL THOSE ANTI-BOARD PROPAGANDA AND ACTIVITIES OF THIS CENTER ? It appears that is the way, it seems.

Mr. Hoshiga: I told Mr. Kanzaki on 13th. that he is mistaken in not calling Board meeting sooner. You did not call board meeting until 24th. Then reported the plans of the Board.

Mr. Takahashi: How about that Mr. Kanzaki?

Mr. Kanzaki: We had to make study of the case by Legal Committee and report back to the Congress. Mr. Hoshiga, I told you that it was a legal question. After study, that agenda for the Congress, resulted.

1. Rebate tickets issue question. ( Stopping after March 31, 1945 )
2. Illegality of vote of No-Confidence .
3. Legality of election result.

Main reason of calling Special Congress was to make " REPORTS." I have proceeded with the agenda, but the floor took up argument. Mr. Nagazawa and Mr. Kawaguchi's case came up for argument, which was not our intention. But the atmosphere of the floor was very bad, that it made it impossible to proceed further. The adjournment was within the authority of the Chairman.

Mr. Takahashi: Now Mr. Hoshiga, you understand why we had late Board Meeting, and called Special Congressional Meeting late.

As you know, Mr. Sasaki had Section 14 as the basis of his argument against the result of election of two gentlemen into the directorship. Mr. Kanzaki had called attention that IT IS A LEGAL CASE and not the case that could be determined by the vote of majority of Congress.

In Mr. Yamate's case, you, at once contacted administration. Mr. Buchanan had told you that the resolution against Mr. Yamate is ILLIGAL, contrary to the provision of the By-Laws. That is

the reason, that resolution of the Congress is not applicable. against Mr. Yamate. That one is NUL and VOID. We have to go along with the By-Laws. How could you execute when it is illegal.

Same is true with the election result case. If it is the case of management and policy, then we can have it decided by the majority vote. BUT WHEN IT IS THE CASE OF LEGALTY, it should not be decided by the majority vote.

Mr. Hoshiga: Who went to Mr. Buchanan to hear his decision ?

Mr. Takahashi: and Mr. Kanzaki; and Mr. Nozaka.

Mr. Hoshiga: If that is the case, I cannot be bound by Mr. Buchanan's decision. If he made decision on the basis of Mr. Kanzaki and Mr. Nozaka's reports, how can we accept it as the final ? Are you refusing to hear my opinion ?

Mr. Takashi: I am not refusing to hear your opinion. Why do you say so ?

Mr. Hoshiga: I don't want to hear from you any more. I will take it to Congress.

Mr. Takahashi: What is the reason that you take this to the Congress ? You say that you were not satisfied with Mr. Kanzaki and Mr. Nozaka's reports.

At this time, Mr. Hoshiga became very irritated and have shown a hostile attitude toward Mr. Takahashi. He rose and started toward Mr. Takahashi who was sitting about eight feet away, his eyes fixedly on Mr. Takahashi and shaking his hand and pointing at Mr. Takahashi, and angrily shouted,

" Stop your judge-like attitude toward me. Are you judging me tonight. "

Mr. Takahashi: Certainly not. I am merely pointing out and asking you questions. You made one man grand stand play at last Congressional meeting; without permission of the Chair you rose and displayed grandstand plays against the Board members decision and the plan of the evening-i.e. against reports. Argued and argued against the Board's decision, as to the procedure of the evening.

Mr. Hoshiga: You took an attitude of judge that night. Everybody said so. Look at your attitude .

Mr. Takahashi: You are insulting me. Look at your own attitude. What do you call your own--rough and disorderly. You should calm-down. Be seated. If you have anything to say on certain question concerning the Co-Op policy etc. why don't you speak at the Board meeting. That is the place for you to speak. And when the decision is reached by majority vote of the Board, then, that should be the binding decision of all members of the Board. You should abide by it. You should not betray confidence of the Board. You should not double cross the Board at the Congress.

Although, we have no desire to block the wish of your Assembly, you had signed the petition before consulting the Block Assembly.

- Mr. Aso: The petition came from some Congressmen's signatures. Mr. Hoshi could not answer with responsibility .
- Mr. Takahashi: Why dont you people speak up ?
- Mr. Aso: I was only listening to you two's views.
- Mr. Takahashi: You now understand the Boards attitude Mr. Hoshiga. We have no intention of blocking your Block Assembly's desire, but we must insist that you respect the majority's decision of the Board, if you are to serve people . Public interest involve .
- Mr. Kawaguchi: If the Board is to discuss the " ADVISE TO THE BOARD, FROM CERTAIN GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN, to resign as a body" then, will Mr. Hoshiga be good enough to leave this meeting, if he wishes to cooperate with us. We want to feel free to discuss ourselves. This is grave situation.
- Mr. Nagazawa: I make second motion that Mr. Hoshiga kindly leave the meeting, for that will give us chance to discuss freely.
- The floor was very tense.
- Mr. Kawaguchi: Since Mr. Hoshiga signed, Advising the Board for resignation of entire body, I feel that he is not qualified to discuss this evenings business.
- Mr. Aso:
- Mr. Ikuma: If he cooperates, with us, he could stay here, dont you think :
- Mr. Hoshiga: I said before that I will cooperate.
- Mr. Noda: But your attitude in the Congress , is contrary , very much, contrary to what you ~~are~~ saying. What is the base of your advise to the Board to Resign Entirely ?
- Mr. Hoshiga: Congress shiuld have been consulted before closing the meeting.
- Mr. Noda: Where is By-Laws that says the Board could be impeached as a body, or the Board could be advised to quiet as a body. Show us the laws.
- Mr. Hoshiga: I could not talk with you. I did not believe that there was atmosphere then ~~to talk with you~~ that required adjournment.
- Mr. Noda: When the floor gets disorderly and ,when there rose voice of Dr. Ochikubo, demanding a new Chairman, that is the time enough to justify the adjournment. That is within the authority of Chairman. He stated so before closing that meeting. Show us the By-Laws that provides impeachment as a body or that the Board have to accept " Advise to resign as a body. "
- Mr. Hoshiga: "Kaisan " is not withing the authority of the Chairman.

- Mr. Takahashi: "San-Kai " is no dissotion. The floor voiced loudly to have chairman changed. That was Ochikubos voice. Such conduct or demand is contrary to the By-Laws. Chairman of the Congress can only be elected by the Board.--not Congress.
- What wrong has the Board committed, that require Board's resignation. How and why did Chairmans conduct of adjournment is contrary to parliamentary procedure ? I want to know definitely, WHAT IS THE REASONS FOR ADVISING THE BOARD TO RESIGN? Otherwise, we could not consider the proposition. Show us the reasons.
- Mr. Noda: Those enumerated reasons in that petition is too "petty " and unsound. I believe this is being done too hastily and carelessly. I agree with Mr. Takahashi, that we need not give much thought unless shown with bigger reasons and more sound reasons with reasonable ground.
- Mr. Takahashi: I want to be excused, for I have bad cold.
- Mr. Kawaguchi: I want to be excused also.
- Mr. Noda: Mr. Kawaguchi, I wish you will stay longer. Mr. Takahashi has bad cold so could not help , but you are well so should stay longer. We must discuss tonight's business yet.
- Mr. Kanzaki asked floors opinion as to so-ji-shoku.
- Mr. Aso: I wish to clarify my position first and we should not resign before we make our stand clear.
- Mr. Yoshida: I want more explanations for resignation request. With the reasons presented, that is not enough for resignation. I will not resign unless more sound reasons and bigger reasons are presented. I refuse to admit any guilt on the part of the Board as to its conduct of business.
- Mr. Nagasawa: I will not resign until everything is cleared. That is my decision and is the decision of my Block people.
- Mr. Yoshida: My block people has nothing to complain. At our block, people want to know what is all about the trouble brewing against the Co-Op.
- Mr. Kawaguchi: We must have our name cleared. Honor respected.
- Mr. Ikuma: Our names must be cleared. Scandalous accusation would not do.
- Mr. Noda: We cannot accept proposal of resignation. We need not resign. For what reason ?
- Mr. Hoshiga: ADVISE TO THE BOARD TO RESIGN AS BODY IS BASED ON MR. SUZUKI'S OPINION. Through his suggestion, the advise for resignation of the Board was attached to the petition for calling Special Congress. Yesterday afternoon, we 6 of our committee met Mr.

Hoffman, Mr. Sanford and Mr. Buchanan at Mr. Hoffman's office. At that meeting, Mr. Buchanan had pointed out that there are two WAYS to remove the Board of Directors. First method, is TO ADVISE THE BOARD TO RESIGN; Second method is BY DAN-GAI, -impeachment. But, he suggested that the FIRST METHOD be used first and if the Board don't resign, then resort to the impeachment method.

At the above statement of Mr. Hoshiga, the Board Members appeared to be shocked with the emotion, that a responsible administrative officer should say or suggest such a hostile action. The Board members were deeply moved.

- Mr. Nagasawa: I want the reasons, for ADVISE TO RESIGN, be written more clearly stated. Those three pointed reasons have no SHUKYAKU or subjects in sentences. Very poorly written, whoever, wrote that.
- Mr. Yoshida: You say that Mr. Buchanan had said that you attach the ADVISE TO THE BOARD TO RESIGN, to the petition for holding Special Congress. Did he say that at the meeting where Mr. Hoffman present? Is that right?
- Mr. Hoshiga: We talked to them-Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Sanford and Mr. Buchanan, 3 reasons for (a) Advise to the Board to resign en Masse,  
(b) Impeachment of the Board as a body.  
any of
- Mr. Yoshida: Did the administrative officers present at that meeting advise you to present to the Board with the "ADVISE TO RESIGN"?
- MR<sup>3</sup> hoshiga: No, Mr. Buchanan merely suggested it and gave us his opinion. We went as the representatives of 29 Congressmen.
- Mr. Aso: You have three reasons for advising us to resign as a body?  
(Speaking to Mr. Hoshiga\*)
- Mr. Yoshida: Your proposal is not clearly presented.
- Mr. Aso: It appears to have three reasons pointed out.
- Mr. Nozaka: I am not for politics. I am for business. Business only shall be the way of Co-Op.
- Mr. Noda: The By-Laws state clearly, that the Congress has power to determine major business policy as recommended by the Board. It does not say that politics shall be "played."
- Mr. Kanzaki: The reason, I had to adjourn the 40th Congress was because I was unable to proceed with the business of the evening further. I WISH TO CLEAN UP THE BALANCE OF LAST CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS AGENDA, AND GIVE MR<sup>3</sup> YAMATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER THE CHARGES, IN ORDER TO CLEAR UP ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIM. IT IS OUTRAGIOUS CHARGE AGAINST MR<sup>3</sup> YAMATE. Fair minded person cannot make such false accusations against Mr. Yamate.
- Mr. Aso: Your desire is to clarify all accusations and clarify all questions.

Mr. Hoshiga: The purpose of the petition is to have a Special Congress called. I wish you will not prolonge the meeting with the excuse that they are ligal questions.

Mr. Noda: I want to know if the people who signed that petion rearly knew what they were signing. Have they read the petitions 3 reasona dnd the advise for resignation ?

Mr. Hoshiga: I think so.

At this point, Mr. Nozaka had a private talk with Mr. Hoshiga . After this private talks, MR HOSHIGA LEFT THE MEETING, at his free will. After Mr. Hoshiga left, Mr. Nozaka had stated that he had advised Mr. Hoshiga to have his own opinion expressed, and if he be kind enough to leave the meeting floor gracefully at his own will, in order to permit the meeting to proceed with free discussions on the evening's business.

The Board members present, were happy to have Mr. Nozaka expressed untold opinions of the Board members to Mr. Hoshiga.

The meeting reopened for discussions on the petition for holding Special Congress, and advise for resignation of the Board. THE BOARD HAD DECIDED AS FOLLO-  
-ING;

The Board had gone into a lengthy discussions as to the date of holding such a meeting. They have decided that it could not be held on Friday as the petitioners wished. The meeting had ~~announced~~ decided to have Mr. Kanzaki answer the petitioners to ask them to meet Mr. Kanzaki on certain date and time to have it discussed further, and make arrangement for the meeting. It shall be held first part of next week. In the meantime, Sei-Meisho is to be publicly sent out.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR MR. YAMATE, AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

Mr. Yamate asked the Board, his present status. He wished to know exactly where he stands with the Board. At the same time he wished his name be cleared in the name of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Nozaka: I could voucher Mr. Yamate's integrity and his ~~character~~ character for I ~~xxx~~ know him many and many years and his business conducts and honest is above board. There is no question as to his innocent. The accusations against Mr. Yamate is outrageous.

Mr. Yoshida: Rumors have no foundations. We have no reasons to have Mr. Yamate resign. We should have write ups, to the effect that We have all facts about Mr. Yamates official conduct of the Co-Op, which show his honesty and integrity. His past records are honorable throughout his service with the Co-Op. He is the best qualified man for the Executive Secretary. We do not hesitate to voucher Mr. Yamate.

Mr. Aso: It should be written in the Co-Op News, as Mr. Yoshida says. May I suggest however, that the seimeisho be sent out after Mr. Yamate makes statements and answers against those false statements and accusations made against him ?

Mr. Yamate: Does this mean " a vote of confidence ? "

The Board Members: Yes, It does.

Mr. Yamate: Then may I record accordingly ?

The Board Members: Yes. Certainly, that would be good thing.

Mr. Yamate: Thank you very much for the confidence expressed in me.

DECISION:

1. That Mr. Yamate's qualification as Executive Secretary be published in the Co-Op News.
2. The Sei-Meisho in behalf of Mr. Yamate, in the name of the Board of Directors will be published at once, depending on the contents of the Sei-Mei-Sho, which is to be drafted by Mr. Tsuzuki, and depending on the content, it shall be published after Mr. Yamate makes answer before the Congress.

The meeting is adjourned 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

Read and Approved at the Board meeting held on April 5, 1945

Approved  
4/27/45

THE MINUTES OF 143RD BOARD MEETING

April 5, 1945

The 143 rd. Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Kanzaki, 2:30 P.M. at 27-5-A

1. Roll Call

The roll call was answered by Messrs. Kanzaki, Takahashi, Noda, Ikuma, Yoshida, Nozaka, Kawaguchi, Nagasawa and Asoo.

2. Communications - Mr. Hoshiga Did Not Give The Board Mr. Hoffman's Message

Mr. Kanzaki has written a letter to Mr. Sanford and Mr. Buchanan, requesting opinions on late developments on congressional actions. Mr. Hoshiga was supposed to give Mr. Hoffman's friendly suggestion, for amicable settlement, by arbitration of ~~xxx~~ his good office, to the Board of Directors Meeting, on the night of April 3, 1945. Mr. Hoshiga NEVER GAVE US MR. HOFFMAN'S MESSAGE, ALTHOUGH HE CAME TO THE BOARD MEETING THAT NIGHT. Why? Why did he hide Mr. Hoffman's message to the Board. According to Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Hoshiga agreed to give that message to us. What is the reason Mr. Hoshiga went against Mr. Hoffman's suggestion that BOTH SIDES SUBMIT THEIR CASE IN WRITING, so that he can study the both sides of the case. Mr. Kanzaki has written a letter inquiring if that was true. The board is waiting a reply from Project Director in this regards

3. " ADVISE FOR MASS RESIGNATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS " is received.

Mr. Kanzaki: Mr. Ishizaki and his party came to see me at my apartment, with the request for mass resignation of the Board of Directors. At our night before meeting ( Last Board Meeting, April 3, 1945 ) we Mr. Kanzaki and Mr. Nozaka, were requested by the Board to make agenda for next congressional meeting.

I have delivered my letter requesting arrangement for a meeting to Mr. Ishizaki, in person, last night, requesting to have them meet our committee today, about 10:30 this morning. Mr. Ishizaki came to Co-Op office and demanded to have meeting coming Friday night. I want to know what you think about it.

Mr. Nozaka: Is not there danger of making situation worse if we have congressional meeting too soon? They demand to have meeting on coming Friday night, but that is too soon. They are demanding of us to make clear on our stand as to their propositions to date. The question was whether to have congressional meeting on Friday or not.

Mr. Aso: I think it better to have meeting on Friday. May be we can have them come to our term.

Mr. Kawaguchi: We should try to have them come to our term, and procedure.

Mr. Ikuma: Dont you think that it may be all right to have meeting with certain conditions.

Mr. Kawaguchi: Let them agree to the conditions first, before having congress.

Mr. Noda: We should have election question settled.

Mr. Nagasawa: I should think, the first business should be Mr. Yamate's case. He should be given first chance to answer against false charges.

Mr. Aso: They are asking the call of congressional meeting, so they can have their agenda first.

Mr. Nozaka: Old business should be the first on agenda. Then, new business. That means that we must be heard first. That is the order of business. We hope there will be no disturbance like last meeting.

Whether or not calling congressional meeting on the date they want is not important. We should have an orderly congressional meeting-that is more important.

Mr. Aso: If they have thought for a peaceful settlement, they should come to our term. They should come to us for the sake of "understanding -and talk things over.

Mr. Nozaka: They should send several representatives to meet our representatives. Suppose, meet tonight and have talked it over.

Mr. Takahashi: Let them know today that we get together by tomorrow.

Mr. Kanzaki: I wish to have SEI-MEI-SHO approved first. "ANNOUNCEMENT"

Handwritten Japanese characters: 牙一画 (Kawaguchi), 未 (M), 明 (M), 言 (K)

NOTE: This se-Mei-Sho or announcement, is to appear and is to be distributed among residence at once.

Decision:

The Board approved "Announcement" to be made before the public, on present Co-Op troubles. This shall be done at once.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES TO MEET OPPOSITION REPRESENTATIVES TOMORROW.

The Board appointed following person for the meeting tomorrow, with representatives of opposition group. Mr. Kanzaki, Takahashi, Nozaka, Noda, Tsuzuki, Aso, Nagasawa, and Mr. Kawaguchi.

Meeting time is to be arranged by tonight.

APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Because of many important business is to be transacted from time to time, in present Co-Op troubles and because it is difficult for other board members to come each and every board meeting, the following persons were appointed to act, in behalf of the board, with full authorities,

Board - Messrs. Noda, Takahashi, Kanzaki, Nozaka and Mr. Yamate is to attend the meeting also for many important questions as to the happenings of past year, while he was President of the Co-Op.

The EMERGENCY COMMITTEE is to act in behalf of the board, with full authority of the board in present emergency. "Jigo Shotaku" with the rest of board members at the following meeting is sufficient.

Mr. Takahashi: I suggest that Mr. Kanzaki write to the representatives of a group of congressmen, inviting them to come for making agenda for Fridays or possibly next Tuesdays congressional meeting.

Mr. Noda: I have no objection in having them come to the meeting to make agenda for congressional meeting, but I OBJECT THEIR PRESENTING US WITH THE RESIGNATION DEMAND, or even a suggestion. That must be out, all together.

Mr. Takahashi: Do you admit that there are reasons that we have to resign. I have no objection in meeting with them, if their purpose is to have peaceful operation of the business. But, it is ridiculously selfish of them, to have the way they have been acting ( those certain group of congressmen ) Without sound reasons, why should we resign? For what reasons?

Mr. Hoffman requested Mr. Hoshiga to deliver us a message the other afternoon, to the effect that BOTH SIDES PRESENT TO HIM ARGUMENTS IN QUESTION, for the purpose of a peaceful settlement. The reason Mr. Hoshiga did not deliver to us Mr. Hoffman's offer for mediation, is good reason to believe that THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

Further discussions were had on whether to meet opposition group tomorrow or not, but no decision was reached for agenda.

Decision:

That Mr. Kanzaki write to the opposing group to meet tomorrow morning at 10:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

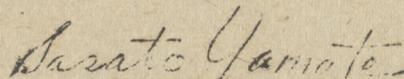
RESOLUTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF NET SAVINGS  
OF THE PERIOD BEGINING APRIL 1, 1944 ENDING  
March 31, 1945

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Topaz Consumers Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. will distribute entire net savings of the corporation, for the period covered by the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1944 ending March 31, 1945.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the net savings of the period be distributed to the patrons, on the basis of their patronage of the period, part of which be set aside as the allocated reserve, and allocated general reserve, the remaining portion be distributed within a reasonably short period of time, to the patrons.

Board of Directors,  
Topaz Consumers Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

Attested

  
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Executive Secretary

THE MINUTES OF 144TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 10, 1945  
7:30 P.M.

The 144th Board of Directors meeting was held at Co-Op Office, at 7:30 P.M.

1. Roll Call

The Roll Call was answered by eight directors-Messrs. Takahashi, Kanzaki, Ikuma, Noda, Nozaka, Kawaguchi, Nagasawa, and Mr. Tsuzuki.

2. Reading of the minutes of last meeting was omitted for it was not yet ready.

3. Communications

Communication was omitted. Nothing important.

4. DEMAND FOR SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

Mr. Kanzaki introduced to the meeting a letter received from a certain group of congressmen, signed by 35 congressmen, led by Mr. George Ochikubo Shigematsu Ishizaki, Koshiro Nakabayashi, Genichi Hoshiga, Hatsuki Nakahara, and others. Dated Topaz, Utah, April 9, 1945 They want a special congress called on Friday evening, April 13, 1945

Mr. Kanzaki suggested, if we are to have a special congressional meeting, we should have privilege of having the agenda of 40th Congress be finished first.

This morning a group of representatives of certain group of congressmen came-they are Messrs. Ishizaki, Nakabayashi, Nakahara, Hoshiga. They came this morning.

Mr. Kanzaki said that he has asked Mr. Ishizaki what is his capacity this morning. He said that he dont know. Therefore, Mr. Kanzaki requested Mr. Ishizaki to obtain a definite qualification so that he will know with whom he is talking about. Mr. Kanzaki requested Mr. Ishizaki to have meeting of JOINT COMMITTEE ( THEIR COMMITTEE AND THAT OF OUR'S ) postponed, that Mr. Kanzaki was expecting to hear from Mr. Ishizaki ~~xxxx~~ BUT the hope for Joint Committee Meeting was betrayed. Today, Mr. Ishizaki came with Mr. Nakabayashi, Mr. Hoshiga and Mr. Nakahara came and presented with the DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION OF ENTIRE BOARD MEMBERS. It was signed by 35 congressmen representating 22 blocks.

Mr. Takahashi, THIS IS CONTRARY TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DECISION OF APRIL 6, 1945  
Mr. Noda, WHICH SAID THAT WHEN NEXT CONGRESS IS TO MEET, THE AGENDA IS TO  
Mr. Nozaka, & BE MADE BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE, 5 from Congress and meet with  
Mr Kawaguchi: the Board of Directors. The congressional committee is to:  
be appointed by the Chairman of the Congress that evening (4/6)

Mr. Takahashi: This petition will destroy cooperatibe enterprises, from the foundation-that is their purpose. At last congress, we have decided that we shall meet within two weeks. Here it is not even one week yet. No consultation of any kind.

Much dissussion was had on this point off record.

- Mr. Nozaka: This is big loss to the Community and it will serve as the big problem for the members.
- This question should be reported to Community Council and to W. R. A. in order to obtain their cooperations to bring it to a peaceful settlement. This is a very dangerous situation.
- At LAST CONGRESS, BEFORE OPENING OF THE CONGRESS? THERE WAS ALMOST A FIST FIGHT  $\frac{2}{8}$  MR. OKAMOTO DASHED AFTER MR. NAKATANI.
- How would it be to give this demand for resignation back to those group of congressmen who signed this paper ?
- Mr. Noda: The Community Government has right to step in on this problem. This will bring to the community a big problem.
- Mr. Takahashi: There is possibility of mob violence. We should appeal to the Community Council and to W. R. A. to have them maintain peace and order.
- Mr. Nozaka: I propose to have a committee be appointed to deal with the situation at once.
- Mr. Takahashi: I second Mr. Nozaka's motion in order to solve the problem.
- Mr. Kanzaki: What is your opinion Mr. Tsuzuki?
- Mr. Tsuzuki: I agree with you gentlemen. No use of trying to settle with those men who have signed this paper demanding resignation of entire board members. They are destructive in their deeds and their aim. We should contact W. R. A. who is supervisory body and City Council, who is the representative body of people at large.
- Mr. Kanzaki: Those opposing group of congressmen will come tomorrow to hear our answer.
- Then, with your consent, I make appointment of committee as follow, Messrs. Takahashi, Noda, Nozaka and myself, in order to contact City Council and W. R. A. at once.
- Mr. Noda: Their action of demanding resignation of entire board is illegal. There is no provision in the By-Laws that permit resignation of entire body or there is provision for impeachment of entire board members. Besides, it is contrary to the decision of 41 St. Congress.
- Mr. Tsuzuki: Must we have Special Congress? Must it be on the exact day they demand?
- Mr. Nozaka: I hardly think so. Who are congressmen serving as the committee which you have appointed?
- Mr. Tsuzuki: Mr. George Ochikubo, Nakabayashi, Hideshima, Hoshiga and Ishizaki.

Mr. Takahashi: Those men who have signed have no thought for the welfare of membership at large. Their aim is for destruction of this co-op for self satisfaction for personal reasons. I bet that is the case and we should not permit that. I am afraid this will lead to mob violence.

Their demand is violation of congressional meeting's decision which was reached at the close of last meeting. By all means disorderly conduct should be stopped.

Mr. Kanzaki: If we have special congressional meeting with agenda agreed upon, then they could not present with the Demand For Resignation, therefore, they resorted to this means.

DECISION:

1. That the directors in the office is again authorized to act as the Board's committee in order to meet emergency situation, should such occasion arise from time to time.
2. That a Sei-Mei-Sho be issued to the public at once, and let public know what is going on against the Board of Directors of the Co-Op and that trouble is "browing up."

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate

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Exectutive Secretary.

Approved April 27, 1945

THE MINUTES OF 145TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 13, 1945

The 145th Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Mr. Kanzaki, at 27-5-A at 2:30 P.M.

1. Roll Call was answered by eight directors Messrs. Kanzaki, Noda, Ikuma, Takahashi, Kawaguchi, Nozaka, Nagasawa and Mr. Tsuzuki.
2. The minutes of last board meeting was not read for it was not yet ready.
3. Communications
  1. A letter of REPORT as to the present Co-Op situation was made to City Council, signed by Mr. Kanzaki. The Board called attention of City Council as to the seriousness of its nature.
  2. A letter of Report was written to W.R.A. attention of Mr. Sanford in regard to the co-op trouble and demand for resignation of entire board members.

The Chair reported they have taken the situation of Co-Op trouble to be very grave and that something shall be done soon.

Mr. Kanzaki further reported of his meeting with Mr. Sanford and Mr. Buchanan.

4. OLD BUSINESS      DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION OF ENTIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Kanzaki reported that he got n.o.k. on the Board's ANNOUNCEMENT "Sei-Mei-Sho" and have sent out to the members. He thinks the people begin to know the situation now.

Councilmen's Efforts

The Chair reported that the City Council had discussed all day yesterday at its regular meeting on the coop situation.

- a. 9 Councilmen were appointed by the Chairman Mr. Narahara in order to mitigate the situation between Board members and a group of congressmen.
- b. Last night, while we were at the office ( Mr. Kanzaki, Mr. Noda, Mr. Kawaguchi, and Mr. Nozaka and Mr. Yamate ) about 10:00 P.M. Messrs. Sugiyama, Ichiyasu, Mas. Narahara and Mr. Shimizu came to the office and had thorough talk on the Co-Op situation. ( Mr. Shimizu should be called Mr. Yoshizumi )

These City Council representatives met a representatives of certain group of congressmen and had talks frankly. BUT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THAT GROUP WILL ONLY AGREE TO ARBITRATE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BOARD WILL RESIGN AS A BODY.

- c. We told to the Representatives of City Council that the allegation by those congressmen are ALL WET. We had very fine meeting with these gentlemen, BUT WE FIRMLY TOLD THAT THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL NOT RESIGN AND THAT SUCH MOVE MADE BY THEM IS AN INSULT TO THE DIGNITY OF THE BOARD COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY. We gave all informations which they were very glad to have. Our story is entirely contrary to what they told to the representatives of City Council.

The City Council Representatives felt that, because of WIDE GAP between what representatives of a certain group of congressmen told to them and what we told to the representatives of City Councilmen, there is no chance of mediation by that body.

OPPOSITION GROUP WILL HAVE MEETING TONIGHT AT Block 19, Dining Hall.

Mr. Noda: Speaking to Mr. Kanzaki: What is it that Mr. Ishizaki have said this afternoon ?

Mr. Kanzaki: I told him that we could not agree with their plans, for they are violating congressional decision of April 6, 1945. Not only that, but they are "Demanding Resignation Of Entire Board." There is no necessity of explanation to them.

Mr. Nagasawa: There is no need of saying much to them.

Mr. Nozaka: We have been 2 AIMED BY THE CERTAIN GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN WITH A POINT OF SWORD AT OUR HEART." We need not to consider them as a rightful party.

I have presented to Mr. Sanford and Mr. Bell with our Sei-MEI-SHO, announcement, for O.K. They read them and said O.K. for publictation. Mr. Buchanan was ~~also~~ there and said "all right

Mr. Nagasawa: The atmosphere of the congressional floor was bad on the night of April 6th. (the last congress) That night I was going out of side door, then a voice said, "Slipping out again eh ?" I certainly detested that audience. There were mostly sympathizer of opposing camp, in the audience that night, just "YAJI GROUP."

Mr. Nozaka: At last congressional meeting, ~~was~~ Mr. Okamoto, a barbar at Block 8, had attempted to attack Mr. Nakatani. If he actually struck Mr. Nakatani, I am sure there would have been much more mob violence.

Mr. Noda: I suggest that Mr. Kanzaki nor any of the Board <sup>li</sup>members will attend the so called "Congress Meeting" called by so called "Congress Committee."

Mr. Kanzaki: You can be sure that I will not attend the meeting tonight.

Mr. Nozaka: They failed to observe By-Laws and Cooperative Laws of D.C. We need not to open special congress even though it was signed by ober 1/3 rd of congressmen. We could open such special meeting within 30 days of its presentation to the Board. Mr. Buchanan said that if they passed any resolution tonight that is "VOIL

I was given understanding that the representatives of certain group of congressmen went to Mr. Buchanan already and had asked his opinion as to its legality. Mr. Buchanan gave no opinion to them. That mean he is not sure it is legal.

There were much discussion OFF RECORDED on this subject. The Board decided as follow;

Decisions:

1. that the board members shall not attend the so called " Special Congress Meeting" tonight. Send out notice to Mr. Yoshida and Mr. Aso to this effect.
2. that we will not recognize tonight's meeting of certain group of congressmen. It is illegally called.
3. that the congressmen shall be advised at once, that the board will not recognize tonight's their meeting a legal one. It is illegal.

UNTIMELY PASSING OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

The Chair called attention of the board to the death of the President Of U.S. yesterday afternoon.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors passed resolution to express deep sympathy for the untimely death of President Roosevelt. This message shall be conveyed to Mr. Hoffman, Project Director and through his good office to American Government .

The meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamato

Executive Secretary

P.S.

Mr. Kanzaki gave cash position of the Head Cashier as follow;

Deposit at Commercial Bank of Nephi	\$37,608.90
Delta Bank	1,977.20
Total	\$39,586.10

Bills Payable \$2,742.33

These figures does not include, (1) Accrued rent on truck and car (2) Accrued Wages, (3) Prepayment on Insurance/ Premiums (4) Change Fund and Petty Cash total \$943.00

THE MINUTES OF 146 TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING

April 16, 1945

The 146th Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kanzaki, Vice Chairman at Board Room, at 2:30 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by 9 directors-Messrs. Takahashi, Nozaka, Noda, Kanzaki, Ikuma, Tsuzuki, Nagasawa, Kawaguchi and Yoshida.

2. Reading of 145th Board Meeting

The minutes of 145th Board meeting was read and approved.

3. Communications

- A. A protest written in Japanese, was presented to The Board, by Mr. Hatsuki Nakahara, on The Board's Announcement concerning Mr. Yamate-Sei-Meisho of April 11, 1945. He still contends that Mr. Yamate was not elected to Assembly from the building at last election and that this should be good reason of his charge in the 39th Congress against Mr. Yamate.

The Board had thorough discussions on this subject and Mr. Nakahara's protest and have reached the following decision.

DECISION:

The Board was unanimous in deciding that there need no answer to Mr. Nakahara's protest letter of April 14, 1945

- B. NOTICE SENT OUT BY so called " Congress Committee " calling Special Congress, this evening at dining hall 26.

The Chair called attention of the Board as to the NOTICE sent out by so called Congress Committee, dated April 16, 1945, to all Congressmen. One sample copy was received from Mr. Takahashi to this secretary. It reads as follow;

" NOTICE OF SPECIAL " -----

" Place: Dining Hall 19

" Time: 7:30 ( Today, April 16, 1945 )

" As you know, on account of the death of President, the meeting which was postponed will be held finally this evening, and therefore, will you please make this your prior engagement and attend this meeting.

" April 16, 1945

" Congress Committee "

Those congressmen, who have signed on the " Demand for Entire Board's Resignation " and some others and a large number of audience are now at dining hall 19 and very noisy session is being had.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAD SENT OUT NOTICES THIS AFTERNOON TO ALL CONGRESSMEN TO THE EFFECT THAT THE NOTICES SENT OUT BY so called Congress Committee, is one thing which THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT AND THEREFORE THE CONGRESSMEN WILL KINDLY BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY. "

DECISION:

The Board has decided that, the Board of Directors of the Co-Op will not accept any responsibility as to whatever the meeting of that certain group of Congressmen, may decide or adopt, at this evening's meeting. It is illegal so far as the meeting is concerned from the point of view of its legality.

The Board will not recognize such a meeting.

C. REFUND BY STATE OF UTAH ON OUR CORPORATION TAX PAYMENTS MADE

We have paid State of Utah Corporation Tax, through advise of North West Auditing Company, otherwise known as Jacobson, Jentsch, Rector & Co. Walla, Walla, Washington. To this date we paid \$158.82 to State of Utah Tax Commission. HOWEVER, OUR NEW AUDITOR SCHOFIELD, WELLS AND BAXTER COMPANY of Salt Lake City, advised us that Mr. STOUT thinks we should not pay State of Utah Corporation Tax, for we are NON-PROFIT CORPORATION. Accordingly, we made claim to State of Utah. NOW, as of April 12, 1945 we got a check, refunding part of our claim amounting \$110.51 their check No. 540056 dated March 16, 1945. Balance of \$52.91 will ~~payxxx~~ be paid to us later on. (SEE THEIR LETTER dated April 12, 1945)

The amount of total refunding will be \$158.82 plus interest. Total of \$163.42 is promised to us. The balance is forcecoming.

Mr. Yamate explained fully in regard to the change of auditor from North West Auditing Company to the Board. He explained that WE SHOULD HAVE C.P.A. not just a Public Accountant. Schofield Wells and Baxter Co. is is a C.P.A. while North West Auditing Company is not a C.P.A. Not only that we found out the report by North West Auditing Company is signed by Mr. Jones personally instead of the firm. Bills payables and Account Payables have not been checked up in some report of Mr. Jones. All in all, how can a report be accurate without checking up all facts in details? Mr. Yamate had said that Co-Op paid Mr. Jones \$387.00 for SEMI annual auditing for the period ended March 31, 1944 ( Oct. Nov. Dec. 1943 and Jan. Feb. and March, 1944 ) For first complete auditing by new firm, Schofield Wells and Baxter Company costed us \$ 579.00 for 6 month period covering April, May, June, July, August and September 1944. They have checked up every bit of evidence and had gone through CASH SERVICE DEPARTMENT record minutely and made a complete auditing of the same, which costed us approximately 4 days by two men, which meant about cost of \$200.00. This was good thing for they went through all records so completely, that NOW THAT DEPARTMENT IS PERFECTLY IN GOOD ORDER. IT IS WORTH PAYING MORE MONEY FOR BETTER SERVICE For our record. MUST BE C.P.A. otherwise inadvisable to have one. W.R.A. can just as well audit our books for us.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES- Messrs. Nakahara, Ichiyasu, Yoshizumi ( Shimizu) and Mr. Sugiyama.

Mr. Kanzaki reported on meeting above Council representatives on last

Thursday night at Co-Op office, after 10:00 P.M. The Co-Op had Messrs. Noda, Nozaka, Kanzaki and Mr. Yamate. We have exchanged views with them. We replied to them that if we have to resign at any time, it shall be ENTIRE BOARD, and if we are to stay on, ENTIRE BOARD AND OFFICERS, nothing else will do. The City Council representatives were surprised to hear that what OPPOSITION CAMP representatives said to them is entirely contrary to what we have said to them. For these reasons, the City Councilmen, with amazement said, "well, that means there is no possibility of arbitration" We told them, that there don't seem to be, for opposition camp leaders are so unreasonable.

Mr. Kanzaki said that the opposition leaders and that group of congressmen are having meeting at dining hall 19 now. From what it appears, they seem to have VERY HOT SESSION.

At this point the session went off record and thorough discussions were had on what had happened at April 6, 1945 meeting with Opposition Camp leaders at Co-Op Office, before the meeting that night at Congressional Floor. ALL BOARD AGREED that the leaders of opposition camp, are not to be trusted with confidence, for they had tricked us last time.

TODAYS MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AT COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Mr. Nozaka: We have written to City Council notifying GRAVE SITUATION of Co-Op in our letter of April 11, 1945. We did not exactly ask mediation. However, we have stated in effect that WE the BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL NOT and THE CO-OP WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY UNFORSEEN MISFORTUNE MAY ARISE AT ANY MOMENT INCIDENTALY WITH THE AGITATIONS BY OPPOSITION LEADERS. WE SHALL NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY MOB VIOLENCE IF IT EVER ACCURS AS THE RESULT OF AGITATIONS AGAINST COOP.

Today, suddenly City Council called us to its chamber and met Messrs. Narahara, Nodohara, Sugiyama and Ishiyasu. According to them, Mr. Hoshiga came to them requesting mediation by City Council. That they want about 4 Board Members resign or if resign en masse, they care to weed out 4 Directors and possibly less in number, and rest can stay on the board. That "they" will make certain gift, and will write letter of appreciation etc. to benefit retirement. This was the proposition of Mr. Hoshiga, who represented the opposition camp ( But this has turned out to be unauthorized by leaders and group of opposition group in congress)

that We, ( Messrs. Takahashi, Nozaka, Kanzaki and Noda ) told them that we appreciate Councils interest ~~taken~~ in our problem, and had asked them, that

first condition of today on our part is " TO STOP THE MEETING OF THIS EVENING, 2 which is scheduled to be held at dining hall 19, by that group of Congressmen.

Mr. Sugiyama had said that the City Council will stop the meeting tonight. ( But the meeting was held. )

Mr. Sugiyama said that although he knows the names of those whom opposition leaders want " OUT of COOP " he is not ready to announce it as yet.

The Board will meet tonight and will decide what decision they ~~will~~ could reach in this regard. The Board is to let City Council know our decision tomorrow.

Mr. Takahashi: I asked Mr. Sugiyama "who came from opposition camp as spokesman!" Mr. Sugiyama said it was Mr. Hoshiga. I told them that they tricked us the other day (April 6, 1945) so I told him that we could not believe in Mr. Hoshiga. "Mr. Hoshiga had come as the representative of the other camp, and I believe in it." said Mr. Sugiyama. I told Mr. Sugiyama that IF THEY ARE TO LET CITY COUNCIL MEDIATE, WHY HAVE THEY CALLED TONIGHTS MEETING? I asked City Council HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO SAVE FAITH OF RETIRING BOARD? They said that it will be in "resignation form, -- Will pay OREI and will present with the letter of thanks!" so said Mr. Sugiyama. I told Mr. Sugiyama, "what are you going to do with the accusations made against the Board with "Dorobo" or scandals etc. in money matters? Who is to become "goat?" Who is to be sacrificed by the Board? Who will be willing to be sacrificed? Who will remain in the board after "SACRIFICES ARE MADE?" HOW can anyone stay on the board after sacrificing one or two or even three board members. Is anyone have a soul that much low? The Plan by Mr. Hoshiga is plainly told in his words. Their plan is to keep those men in the board that could be handled with ease under their command. If the Board is to resign it shall be EN MASSE and at the same time we demand that those fellows who signed the petition for special congress and demanded of us to resign be notified and come to an agreement that those 35 men also resign from Congress and make promise that they will never come out for congress again, -- they must sign agreement to that.

Mr. Kanzaki: That will be good idea. Not only us resign, but they (35 men) also resign from Congress and stay out of politic.

Mr. Tsuzuki: My understanding was that Mr. Hoshiga said that they will not open the meeting until representatives of City Council came, the meeting will not be opened.

Mr. Kazzaki: I think Mr. Narahara, Mr. Roof and "r. Sanford went to the meeting tonight.

Mr. Yoshida: Best thing is to "dissolve this congress" and have entirely new congressmen for Co-Op. That is only and the best way of meeting situation.

Mr. Noda: How will it be to have City Council, W.R.A. representatives check up our books and records and make public announcement as to its result, (which I am sure is correct records) and have them make public announcement that the records and books are clear and that nothing is wrong with the Co-Op.

The Board agreed that false rumors must be cleaned up first. Mr. Kanzaki should make announcement to the center that false rumors must stop.

DECISION:

That W.R.A be requested to make investigation of our books.  
That the City Council be requested to make check up of our

The above decisions are to be carried out through letters signed by Mr. Kanzaki.

MR. YAMATE'S ANSWERS AGAINST FALSE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST HIM AT 39th CONGRESS.

Mr. Yamate had reported that his answers against lies, slanders and paradoxical words by some congressmen are ready in Japanese. He wished the Board's advise if they have any objection on any point in the answers.

The Board had discussions on this thoroughly and have decided that his former title as the Chairman of the Board and His present title of his office be eliminated at the first page, in order to make it personal answers, and not in the name of the Board. Mr. Yamate is willing to pay cost of paper.

The meeting adjourned 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

THE MINUTES OF 146<sup>7</sup>TH BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

April 18, 1945

The Special Board meeting, (146<sup>7</sup>th) was called to order by the Acting Chairman Mr. Kanzaki, at 27-5-A at 3:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by 9 directors-Messrs. Kanzaki, Takahashi, Noda, Ikuma, Yoshida, Kawaguchi, Nozaka, Nagasawa and Aso

2. ~~Mr~~ Communications today, concerned with the RESOLUTION DEMANDING RESIGNATION EN MASSE 41 SIGNATURES.
3. Reading of last Board Meeting - Was read and approved.
4. Old Business

A. Troubles with the certain group of congressmen

Troubles with certain group of congressmen lead by Messrs. Hoshiga-Ochikubo, Koshiro Nakabayashi, Hatsuki Nakahara, Shigematsu Ishizaki and Mr. Hideshima followed by some congressmen were discussed off record.

The consensus of the opinion of the Board was that this establishes very bad precedence and create bad moral in the center. That for this reason, it must be brought to a termination on the REASONABLE GROUND. If we permit bad precedent, there will be endless troubles.

After thorough discussions, the Board reached the following decision:

DECISION:

- (a) Invite W.R.A. to investigate our books and record, and have them make public announcement as to the result of its investigation.
- (b) Make a detailed report to date to Project Director and request his advise.
- (c) That this board has never recognized certain group of congressmen who have been actively engaged in creating disturbances- they have failed to follow RIGHT STEPS, to make their activities LEGALLY SOUND, therefore, all their resolutions and other activities are nul and void.

FOR THESE REASONS THE RESOLUTION SIGNED BY 41 congressmen is illegal and nul-and void. We cannot entertain it a legal document.

BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN HAPPENING MANY IMPORTANT URGENT BUSINESS TO BE ATTENDED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE AUTHORIZED DIRECTORS IN THE OFFICE TO REPRESENT THE BOARD FOR MEETINGS WITH W.R.A. OFFICIALS FROM TIME TO TIME.

ANNOUNCEMENT, APPEALING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE --"SEI MEISHO."

New "Sei Meisho" written in Japanese was presented before the Board. It was written by Mr. Tsuzuki appealing to the members of the cooperative as to the present trouble. It aimed to have the members understand the situation more clearly and have them realize seriousness of the trouble now confronted us.

The board had much discussions on this Sei Meisho, and have reached conclusion that it shall be published.

**DECISION:**

The board have decided with unanimous votes that this "Sei Meisho" be published at once, both in Japanese and in English.

NEW SUGGESTION AS TO THE AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF PRESENT TROUBLE

New suggestion was made to the board by a member of the board, that we ask City Council to call meeting of TWO IMPARTIAL representatives from each block and meet at City Council Chamber to discuss with the representatives of City Council and that of the Board of Directors.

**DECISION:**

- ( a ) The board has unanimously adopted new suggestion to have the City Council call the meeting as per above, and try best to have present controversy settled amicably, as soon as possible.
- Acting Board
- That the/ Chairman of the/should write a letter to the above effect at once ,to the City Council.

There were much discussion as to the authority of the City Council. The board felt that they have authority as to the right of stopping or permitting the meetings.

- ( b ) The board has further decided to have Mr. Kanzaki report the situation to the Project Director and call his attentions as to the seriousness of present situation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

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THE MINUTES OF 147TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING

April 19, 1945

The 147th Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mr. Kanzaki at Co-Op Office on Thursday evening, at 8:20 P.M.

1. Roll Call

The roll call was answered by Messrs. Kanzaki, Takahashi, Noda, Yoshida, Ikuma, Kawaguchi, Nozaka, Nagasawa and Asoo

2. Reading of the minutes of last board meeting was omitted for it was not yet ready.

3. Communications

A. Letter from Mr. Hoffman, Project Director, dated April 18, 1945, in which he has requested that we send 3 or 5 representatives to meet Messrs. Hoffman, Sanford and Buchanan on Thursday afternoon, at 3 P.M. in order to discuss the present Co-Op problems for he feels that it is his duty to look after general welfare of the residents.

B. An unsigned memorandum from Project Director to Co-Op Board of Directors and Congress, dated informally 4/18/45.

This memo. definitely states that W.R.A. will step in at this time for the welfare of this community in present trouble confronting the Co-Op. Board and Congress.

1) He gave reasons for not approving the Monday night ( 4/16/45) meeting of so called " Soecial Congressional Meeting " called by certain group of congressmen ( Congress Committee, according to their way of calling that group )

Project Director, particularly disapprove the "DEMAND T NE" of resolution passed by that group of congressmen demanding resignation of the Board as a body. Project Director feels that when any one of the board member is accused by congress, he shall have a chance to answer the accusations. This was absent in last Monday nights meeting.

2) according to this memorandum, he also disapproves of the Board not having called congress and give a chance to congress to air their charges and complaint if any.

3) The Project Director feels that the meeting which is schadule by the so called "Congress Committee" for Eniday night April 20, to elect new board of directors should be stopped. His thought seems to be that it has no lical effect, even if they met and elected new board by themselves.

**BUSINESS OF THE EVENING:**

The Chair called attention of the Board to the above communications from Project Director .

Mr. Nozaka: We have met Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Sanford and Mr. Buchanan this afternoon, at 3:00 P.M. at his office. When we went there the group of other camp came out of his office. Apparently they had conference with them also.

The Board was represented by Messrs. Kawaguchi, Kanzaki, Noda, Takahashi and Nozaka. There were said, among many conversations,

- a. Question of expense for sending out ANNOUNCEMENT, which he explained that it shall be boreed by the Co-Op, for it is part of public education.

Mr. Sanford felt that the use of machine for printing may be advisable to have other group also use. TO THIS Mr. Nozaka advised that it will be avilable to them also if he so desire.

The question of Mr. Yamates expense of announcement and rebuttal also mentioned by Mr. Sanford, to which Mr. Nozaka has stated that it will be boreed by Mr. Yamate. He explained that Mr. Yamate was obliged to resort to the published form of answers to the accusations, falscly made against him at 39th Congress, for we do not know when he will ever given a chance to answer before the Congress, for it appeared that the opposition group has been trying their best to prevent his answers. That is the Board's impression. For that reason Mr. Yamate resorted to the published form.

- b. Mr. Nozaka informed the Board that he reported to Mr. Hoofman that the opposing group did not observe the term of truth, which was resolved by last Congress, in that the opposition camp was to send representatives of 5 appointed by the Chairman of the Congress that evening to meet Board's representatives in order to plan for the next special congress, and make agenda. However, they ignored the resolution of the Congress and SUDDENLY Mr. Nakabayashi ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and Mr. Ishizaki had presented to the Board a resoution ~~xxxxxx~~ demanding the resignation of entire board by midnight Friday evening, for the opposition camp was going to have meeting Friday evening, April 20, 1945 to elect new board of dicretters, and they will take over the business of Co-Op.

- c. that I have told Mr. Hoffman that the opposing group did not give us a chance of having an orderly congress.

Mr. Kanzaki: The administraiton seems as if though they wish to call a MASS MEETING and let the meeting decide the issue. How it shall be conducted seems still a question. The net result will be that this trouble be forever settled-that seems to be their plan.

The plan seems to have speakers from both sides for arguments.

The Chair wished to have opinions of the Board members on this suggestion.

Thorough discussions were had on this suggestion and the board reached following. Charges are to be made by the opposing group in their demand for the entire board's resignation. Answers are to be made by the speakers of the Board, and let the judges decide which side has right argument. The Board felt that offer of mediation from Project Director be accepted gracefully.

DECISION:

1. That the Board will accept suggestion of Project Director
2. That seven judges be appointed; (including following)  
Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Sanford and Mr. Buchanan  
Mr. Narahara and Mr. Sugiyama from City Council  
Chairman of Judicial Commission and Chairman of Block Managers.
3. That the place of meeting ( Mass Meeting ) is to be determined by W.R.A. possibly Auditorium.
4. That the responsibility of keeping order at the meeting is UP TO THE ADMINISTRATION.
5. That a preliminary meeting to make arrangement of AGENDA of the evening be held in presence of administration representatives. Both sides shall be present. for this meeting.
6. That the decisions of this board as to the above effect be communicated to the Project Director and Mr. Sanford.

The meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate,

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Executive Secretary

THE MINUTES OF 149TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING April 20, 1945

The 149th Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, Mr. Kanzaki.

1. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered by 8 directors-Messrs. Tsuzuki, Noda, Nozaka, Kawaguchi, Kanzaki, Takahashi, Asoo and Nagasawa.

2. Communication

Copy of letter written to Mr. Hoffman today, accepting his graceful suggestion as to the meeting which is to be attended by both speakers and judges adjudicating the argument presented, was read and approved by the BOARD. It was signed by Mr. Kanzaki.

3. OLD BUSINESS--and NEW BUSINESS

- ( a ) Mr. Kanzaki called attention of the Board that the opposing group of congressmen will hold meeting this evening at Dining Hall 19, despite of its inadvisability because of the attitude of the Director Mr. Hoffman. He desired not to have tonight's meeting.

The board felt that it is their business and wait and see what will happen tonight- whether they will go a head with their plans of taking over the Co-Op with New Directors. Much was discussed as to the WHO WILL DARE AGAINST DIRECTORS WISH.

- ( b ), Mr. Nozaka presented with the thoughts that it is important to hear from key position employees of the Co-Op. at this time. See if they have any suggestion for improvement of sentiment of the center. LET EMPLOYEE KNOW THE SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION.

The Board had much discussions on the situation and have reached following decisions;

DECISIONS:

- 1) Extend to the employees/for their services and cooperations of the past, and invite their expression of thought on present Co-Op operation problems as well as on public relations.
- 2) General Manager shall be contacted at once by letter, to have him extend board's appreciations and wish them to cooperate with the board for the best interest of the community.
- 3) Advise employees to keep cool on present trouble, BUT GIVE THEM AUTHORITY TO CLOSE OFFICE OR STORES IF SITUATION DEMANDS..

( c ) MR HATSUKI NAKAHARA'S CASE ONCE MORE ( BLOCK 20 )

Mr. Noda presented with the report what has happened with Mr. Nakahara of Block 20 Congressman at the Co-Op Office, as to the answer he was seeking on his letter of April 14, 1945

This letter was discussed at the board meeting of April 18, 1945 and its decision was " NO NEED OF ANSWERING HIS LETTER." ( See the minutes of April 18th. )

DECISION:

The board again have decided with unanimous votes that Mr. Nakahara's letter "NEEDS NO ANSWER FROM THE BOARD. "

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

Approved 4/25/45

THE MINUTES OF 150TH BOARD MEETING --SPECIAL

April 23, 1945  
Monday night 7:00 P.M.

<sup>150</sup>  
The 150th Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Mr. Kanzaki. This is special meeting.

1. Roll Call

The Roll Call was answered by 9 directors-Messrs. Kanzaki, Noda, Takahashi, Nozaka, Asoo, Nagasawa, Kawaguchi, Ikuma and Yoshida.

2. Communications- No written communications but very important messages were reported-discussion of which will be ~~xxxxxx~~ "off record" due nature of its nature.

3. Reading of the minutes of 147th and 149th.

A. The minutes of 147th Board meeting was read and approved.

B. The minutes of 149th board meeting was read and approved with exception on the bottom two lines on first page. Wording " But give them authority to close office or store if situation demands " is to be stricken out for it might lead to misunderstandings.

Also on SECOND PAGE, fifth line, date should be " April 16" instead of 19th.

REPORT BY MR. KANZAKI todays meeting with opposing group and administrative officers.

Mr. Kanzaki reported that ,this afternoon, the Co-Op Board was represented by Messrs. Kanzaki, Noda, Takahashi, Nozaka, and Kawaguchi, while the opposing group was represented by Messrs. Ochikubo, Tabata, Nakabayashi, Ishizaki, and Hoshiga.

- 1) They proposed to call congressional meeting-NOT MASS MEETING. Let many people as possible come in at a dining hall. Then close the door.-this is their idea.
- 2) The Chairman is to be Mr. Kanzaki and he is to have absolute power of Chairmanship-this was W.R.A. official's proposal.
- 3) The meeting is to have questions and answers.

Mr. Nozaka Reported as follow;

- 1) Dr Ochikubo was main speaker for the opposing group. For the Board Mr. Nozaka was main speaker.
- 2) We proposed 7 judges- but this was completely opposed by the opposite group.

- 3) They wanted to have questions and answers, and after that, take votes to decide the question of " ouster of the Board " by the congressional votes.

However, our representatives have objected to the proposal of representatives of a group of congressmen. The Board's representatives had to talk things over with the Board of Directors, before making a commitment. THIS IS THE REASON OF CALLING SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD TONIGHT.

THE CHAIR WISHED TO KNOW IF THE BOARD SHOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF OPPOSING GROUP.

THOROUGH DISCUSSIONS WERE HAD.

DECISION:

The Board of Directors will not accept their proposal, for it is an unfair proposition to have the accusing group of congressmen should decide the fate of the Board - in other words, the plaintiff is to decide the case against defendants, in effect. That is not fair to the Board of Directors.

WHAT SHALL BE THE ANSWER TO THE OPPOSING GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN TOMORROW ?

Thorough discussions were had off record and have reached to the decision, that, may be it is a good idea to ask the thoughts of members of the Co-Op what they think about the bad situation of the Co-Op. troubles.

A certain group of congressmen are playing with the politics, ruinous to the interest of the Co-Op. They have forgotten that they are a legislative body for the Co-Op as well as the body to be consulted by the board to make policies for the cooperative. The Congress is not a political body like City Council.. This is an economic body, the sole economic organization of the center people. New congress seems to have departed from original purpose for which the congress was organized. For these reasons, may be it is best idea to ask the members, what they think about present trouble of the Co-Op. The trouble came from certain group of the congressmen, and it did not come from the Board. The Co-Op was going along a smooth road up to this time. The Board of Directors cannot and will not accept any responsibility/resulting from the trouble raised by those congressmen.  
on any damage

Public should be informed of what a harmful result will be incurred through present trouble-a storm raised by those congressmen.

The meeting adjourned 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate

Executive Secretary

Approved  
4/27/45-

THE MINUTES OF 151 ST BOARD MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING

April 25, 1945  
Wednesday

The 151. st Bord or Directors Meeting was held at 27-5-A at 2:30 P.M. on this date

1. Roll Call

The Roll Call was answered by eight directors-Messrs. Kawagushi, Kanzaki, Noda, Takahashi, Tsuzuki, Ikuma, Nozaka, and Mr. Nagasawa.

2. Reading of the minutes of 150th Board Meeting- It was read and approved.

3. Communications

A. A new letter was received from Mr. Hatsuki Nakahara, Congressman of Block 20, protesting "No Answer" from the Board on his letter of April 14, 1945 protesting the appointment of Mr. Yamate for Executive Secretary.

On two occasions, April 16th and on April 20th Board meetings the Board of Directors have decided that there needs no answers to Mr. Nakahara's letter, for it is well explained in the Board's ANNOUNCEMENT IN REGARDS TO MR. YAMATE'S appointment (announcement of April 11, 1945)  
(Sei-Mei -Sho dated April 11, 1945)

However, for the matter of courtesy, the Board have decided to answer his request of this date, re-stating the reasons of Mr. Yamate's appointment.

B. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TRUST

A letter is received from Mr. Sanford, Assistant Project Director, advising an organization of Community Activities Trust, composed of a representative from following:

- Community Activity Section
- Education Section
- Inter-Faith Ministerial Association
- Business Enterprises
- Block Managers

The first meeting will be held Friday afternoon, this week, 2:00 P.M. at Mr. Sanford's office.

DECISION:

The Co-Op will have Board meeting on Friday afternoon, each week, therefore unless date is changed we shall not be able to send a representative.

Mr. Sanford is to be advised accordingly.

OLD BUSINESS:-MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF A GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN  
representatives of

Mr. Kanzaki reported that the opposing group of Congressmen, led by Messrs. Ochikubo, Nakabayashi, Hoshiga, Ishizaki and Tobata met at Mr. Hoffman's office with Co-Op Board's representatives Messrs. Nozaka, Kanzaki, Takahashi, Noda and Mr. Kawaguchi.

Mr. Nozaka reports as follow;

a. The representatives of the Board reported to Mr. Hoffman the result of last night's Board Meeting.

- 1) We cannot agree to the meeting without judges.
- 2) Mr. Hoffman's attitude was that we have to have a ~~congress~~ congressional meeting, because the By-Laws provided for calling one, when petitioned by 1/3 rd of congress.
- 3) After much discussions, the meeting at Mr. Hoffman's office decided to have a congressional meeting Friday night, this week.

It is to be questions and answers  
No VOTES are to be taken that night. BUT IT WILL BE  
TAKEN ON MAY 8TH, 1945

- 4) Mr. Nozaka presented the case to Mr. Hoffman, that the Board was elected only one and half month ago, and if they have been bothering for our 80 % of time and done lots damages to the best interest of the Co-Op.

New Congressmen-27 in number, all signed demanding resignation of entire board. What do they know about Co-Op ?

- 5) Twice we have tried to make settlement on the present troubles, but failed on account of disturbance in the Congress. Mr. Nozaka reported that the Co-Op Office employees have been unable to attend to the business due disturbances, by certain group of congressmen.
- 5) That they said that they are not accusing of the Board for business matters, but they accused the board with NO COOPERATIONS with the congress. BUT THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TOLD THEM that it is THEY that disturb the Co-Op. It is they that do not cooperative with the Board. Their accusations are all without foundations-nothing but petty jealousy.

b. After a long discussions, the meeting agreed to have a special congress on April 27, 1945, this Friday.

- 1) It is to be questions and answers.

- 2) No judges nor no vote is to be taken this Friday night.
- 3) Deciding vote will be taken on May 8, 1945
- 4) Language to be spoken in is to be Japanese.

For further details, the representatives of both sides are to get together. Agenda and procedures are to be discussed further and have mutual agreement.

That the Board shall divide argument against the accusations and get it lined up for Friday night.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was again called tonight at the Co-Op office. Most part of the evening was consumed in making NOTICE OF CONGRESSIONAL MEETING with the assistance of Mr. Sanford. The Board divided the work of answering at Friday Nights Congressional Meeting.

It was not until ONE O 'Clock in the morning, after midnight, that the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

NOTE:

According to Mr. Sanford's plan, there will be, at the Friday night's congressional meeting, following group of persons;

Congressmen-	68
City Council	34
Block Mgrs.	34
Secretary	3
Int. Secu.	8
Appointive	
staff	11
4 persons	
each blk.	136

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293 persons in all. less number of overlapping.

Approved May 4, 1945

THE MINUTES OF 153RD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 1, 1945

The 153 rd Board of Directors Meeting was held by the Retireing Board on this date at the Co-Op Office, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairman Mr. Kanzaki.

1. Roll Call was answered by 8 directors/ Messrs. Kanzaki, Takahashi, Noda, Ikuma, Kawaguchi, Nozaka, agasawa and Mr. Tsuzuki.
2. Reading of the minutes of 152 nd Board meeting was done and was approved.
3. Communications
  - a. Letter of resignation was received from Mr. K. Nakanishi of Block 16 as the congressman from the block.

4. OLD BUSINESS. ~~Kanzaki~~

Report by Mr. Kanzaki - INCOME TAX PROBLEM

- a. Mr. Kanzaki reported that Mr. Yamate and Mr. Nozaka accompanied him to meet Mr. Sanford at his office, at which meeting Mr. Buchanan was also present. This was 1:00 P.M. this afternoon. He has explained about the predicament which the Co-Op is in about the income tax ruling turn against the Co-Op. This concerns with the latest ruling by Mr. Ballen, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Treasury Dept. and a letter received from Salt Lake Internal Revenue Office of the Treasury Department. The former is dated April 21, and the latter is dated April 26, 1945

In this regard, we received assurance from Mr. Sanford that W.R.A. will do their best to have latest ruling set aside.

b. CALLING OF REGULAR CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

The proposition was presented to us by W.R.A. that we are obliged to call a Regular Meeting of Congress in order to elect successors to the retired board.

Mr. Buchanan advised us appointment of Mr. Sanford as temporary Executive Secretary so that he can act for and in official capacity. Someone has to be at the meeting as an officer to open the meeting of the congress. Mr. Kaznaki wished to know the opinion the the board.

The Board had discussed this problem thoroughly.

DECISION:

The board had decided that Mr. Sanford be appojted as the temporary Executive Secretray, with full authority of Executive Secretary, just to open the congressional meeting officially, until a temporary Chairman is elected for the meeting.

b. Mr. Sanford is to resign immediately after the election of temporary Chairman of the congress. ~~He is to~~ resign, and the Board meeting which is being held at the Co-Op office that evening. The Board is to Re-Elect Mr. Yamate as the Executive ~~Chairman~~ Secretary immediately, at the same board meeting, upon receiving Mr. Sanford's resignation as the Temporary Executive Secretary for the occasion.

c. DATE OF REGULAR CONGRESSIONAL MEETING.

The date for congressional meeting is set for May 4th, 1945

d. SAMPLE COPY of NOTICE OF REGULAR CONGRESSIONAL MEETING was written by Mr. Buchanan and was handed over to Mr. Yamate. This is to be sent out by the Executive Secretary calling the meeting. It reads as follow;

NOTICE OF REGULAR CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

May \_\_\_\_, 1945

TO:

\_\_\_\_\_ Blk \_\_\_\_\_ Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Congressman

A Regular Meeting of the Cooperative Congress will be held at Dining Hall 26, on Friday, May 4, 1945, at 7:30 P.M.

Topaz Consumers Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

There is to be no agenda listed in this notice.

DATE OF TRANSFER OF BUSINESS OF THE COOP TO NEW BOARD

The discussions were had on " ON WHAT DATE SHALL THE BUSINESS OF COOP BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW BOARD.

DECISION:

The Board had decided with unanimous vote that the official transfer of the business of the Co-Op be made on May 10, 1945, at 2:00 P.M.

Cash Service Department shall be closed all day on May 10th. in order to permit the business of the department streightend out, before the transfer.

That all board members be present at the official transfer hour, at the co-op office.

Mr. Sanford be notified of this decision, by Mr. Kanzel tomorrow.

Mr. Nagasawa: I wish to have the decision of the board be notified to the public through Co-Op News.

The board thought that might be good idea, depending on how the opposition group takes it.

ABOUT PATRONAGE REFUND FOR THE PERIOD COVERING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1945

The board has taken up the subject of Patronage Refund for the above period. This question came up for the retiring board will be stepping out of the office before long and the patronage refund had been declared by both the Board of Directors and by the 39th Cooperative Congress. However, due shortage of the manpower, we had not been able to allocate the same as yet, and besides, now the Federal Income Tax problem is confronting us.

The board had serious considerations on this problem, and thorough discussions were had. Mr. Nozaka had suggested that this payment be suspended until the Co-Op hear favorable answer of setting the latest ruling set aside. Much pro and con discussions were had.

- DECISION: - 1. That the Board of Directors call attention of incoming Board the seriousness of new tax ruling. Furthermore, the people shall be notified through Co-Op News, "WHY WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE OUT REBATE CHECKS FOR THE ABOVE PERIOD- shortage of manpower and the latest Co-Op troubles hindered us in office works, causing delays. So far as we know, the allocation of net savings for the period amounting \$13,860.02 has not yet been made, and don't know when it will be made. So far as to the suggestion made by Mr. Nozaka -suspension of the payment of the rebate on the above period, was concerned, the majority of the board members felt that it should be left to the discretion of next board members.
2. Mr. Tsuzuki is authorized by the board to write for us about the ~~DEFERRED~~ PAYMENT OF REBATE FOR Oct. Nov. and December, 1944. This is to be done at once, so that it will appear on the Co-Op News in time, and before the Retiring Board goes out of office.

The meeting adjourned 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sasato Yamate

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Executive Secretary

Approved May 5, 1945

THE MINUTES OF 154th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 4, 1945 7:00 P.M.

The 154th Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kanzaki at Co-Op Office, at 7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call → Roll Call was answered by Messrs. Kanzaki, Takahashi, Mozaka, Noda, Ikoma, Kawaguchi, Nagasawa, and Mr. Yoshida.
2. Reading of the minutes→ The minutes of 153 rd. Board meeting was read and approved.
3. Communications
  - a. Letter is received from Mr. Buchanan as of this date, confirming receipt of following documents from the Co-Op;
    - 1) Letter from Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. in regard to the Federal Income Tax Ruling.
    - 2) Letter from Salt Lake City Office of Internal Revenue in regard to Topaz Co-Op's claim for refund of \$451.80 on income tax paid through filing made by Mr. Rector of North West Auditing Company. This letter is dated April 26, 1945

4. Resignation of Mr. Yamate from Executive Secretaryship

Mr. Yamate tendered his resignation from Executive Secretaryship, in favor of Mr. Sanford. Mr. Yamate has stated that he has notified Mr. Sanford through Mr. Kanzaki in writing, in Mr. Kanzaki's letter to Mr. Sanford, dated May 2, 1945, that he will retire at the same time when the Board of Directors transfer Co-Op business to the new board of directors to be elected at tonight's congressional meeting. Mr. Yamate felt that it is not necessary for his re-election for this reason, after his resignation, and appointment of Mr. Sanford as Temporary Secretary. The New Board is expected to take over the business on May 10th.

The Board accepted Mr. Yamate's resignation with regret.

5. Appointment of Mr. Sanford for Executive Secretaryship.

Mr. Sanford appeared before the Board meeting at about 7:20 P.M. and accepted appointment as the Executive Secretaryship, with unanimous votes.

6. Mr. Sanford's Resignation

After half an hour or so, Mr. Sanford came back to the Board meeting again, and tendered his resignation as the Executive Secretary.

The Board accepted his resignation with thanks for his kind services.

Since there was no further business before the board meeting, it was suggested

that the Board adjourn for the evening.

The attention was called to the fact that the election of New Board tonight will mean, that tonight's Board meeting is likely to be the last OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING, for the retiring Board.

The matter of transferring the business from the Old Board to the New Board was discussed off record. Tentative date of transfer is set for May 10, 1945

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Dasato Yamate

Executive Sec. Pro. Tempore

MINUTES OF THE 1st COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sat. May 5, 1945 from 7:30 p.m.

Due to the fact that another meeting of Councilmen, Block Managers and Chefs was being held at the same time, the following 10 Board members answered the Roll Call: Messrs. Sakurai, Nakahara, Hirotsu, Tanaka, Hoshiga, Ishida, Ishizaki, Nakabayashi, Tabata, and Dr. Ochikubo.

The consensus of opinion was that the Standing Committees should be streamlined; so the 11 Committees were reduced to 6 in number.

- 1) LEGAL — Nakabayashi (c), Ochikubo and Ishida.
- 2) FINANCE — Hirotsu (c), Ishizaki and Tanaka. This Committee will also handle CASH SERVICE and ACCOUNTING & RECORDING.
- 3) MERCHANDISING — Nakahara (c), Tekawa and Nakamura. This Committee will also handle PRODUCTION.
- 4) SERVICE — Sakurai (c) and Omori.
- 5) PERSONNEL — Hoshiga (c) and Fukawa.
- 6) PUBLIC RELATION — Tabata (c) and Hideshima. This Committee will also handle EDUCATION and FACT FINDING.

Some discussion was held regarding issuance of sales receipts in such department as Fish Market. This matter to be discussed further.

Dr. Ochikubo explained that the Income Tax was payable for (1) Unclaimed Rebates and (2) Reserve Fund. This matter will be taken up with Mr. Runcorn at a meeting set tentatively for May 8.

The Board made a recommendation to oust Mr. Yamate as Executive Secretary. A letter of termination is to be forwarded to him effective as of Tuesday, May 8, 1945. He is to be given two-week's pay.

Candidates for the various Coop positions were discussed. The Board made the following recommendations: (1) Miss Hino and Mr. Koyanagi for Executive Secretary; (2) Mr. Shinozaki to be retained as Treasurer; (3) Mr. Nozaka to be retained as General Manager; (4) Mr. Ikuma to be retained as Warehouse Manager; and (5) the terminations of Mr. Noda and Mr. Takahashi as Service Manager and Personnel Manager, respectively.

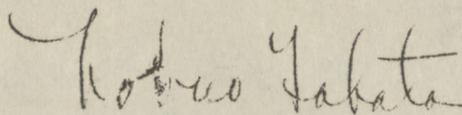
Dr. Ochikubo was elected permanent President of the Board of Directors and Mr. Nakabayashi as permanent Vice-President. They were elected unanimously.

Arrangements were to be made by the Chairman so that the Board will meet with the Coop Board of Operation on Wednesday morning, May 9, 1945. The Board will also meet with Mr. Runcorn on Tuesday, May 8, 1945. Time to be determined later.

Messrs. Nakabayashi, Nakahara, Ishizaki and Dr. Ochikubo to take over the Directorship on Monday morning, May 7, 1945.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nobuo Tabata  
Secretary, Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE 2nd COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, May 8, 1945 from 9:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL: 13 members of the Board were present: Messrs. Hirotsu, Ishida, Nakamura, Nakabayashi, Nakahara, Hoshiga, Hideshima, Tekawa, Ishizaki, Sakurai, Omori, Tabata and Dr. Ochikubo.

Minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

A suggestion was made by the Chairman that an Auditing Committee be elected from members of the Congress other than those on the Board of Directors.

A general discussion was held concerning the disposal of Mr. Yamate as Executive Secretary and also his threat to bring this matter into outside court. The Board concurred that if he demands a general hearing, this opportunity will be granted. However, his office termination is to go into effect as previously announced.

CASH SERVICE: A proposed meeting with the Board of Directors of the Credit Union was sanctioned and an early meeting was advocated. The Chair will contact the Credit Union so that a definite date could be arranged. It was brought out that both the Coop and the Credit Union were giving identical service to the residents and such duplication was really unnecessary. It was pointed out by Mr. Runcorn that in the long run, a large sum of money can be saved if the Credit Union took over the Cash Service. He further stated that no WRA approval will be necessary to make this move.

A question was raised if such a move will hinder operation of the Coop but the answer was that there is a separate account for this purpose. Also loans from Coop members to operate the Cash Service at this time amounts to nearly \$50,000. This amount is to be checked with the Treasurer.

Mr. Runcorn then gave a condensed history of the Coop in the different centers; his present position was also clarified to the members. Recommendation and helpful hints in the operation of a Coop was also given. This information seems of such interest that he will give a short talk at the regular Congressional meeting to be held this coming Friday, May 11, 1945.

This Board of Directors' meeting was called especially for the purpose of the new Board getting acquainted with Mr. Runcorn, field advisor for the WRA, who is connected with the cooperative enterprises of the four western relocation centers.

INCOME TAX: It was stated by Mr. Runcorn that heretofore the Coops have been classified as social benefit organizations so that they did not have to pay any income tax. However, under the new Treasury ruling, the Coops were considered same as any Coop on the outside and therefore taxable. This meant that the Coop must pay delinquent taxes as well. Under the new ruling, the Coop is considered a "business organization." In all probability, the Coop will be taxed on (1) lost stubs (receipts), (2) on services where no receipts have been issued and (3) on unallocated reserve. Further clarification is being waited pending meeting with the Project Attorney.

The old Board sent a memorandum to Mr. Sanford stating that they will not hand over the Directorship until May 10th. This became a point of contention in that since they had already resigned, the old Board had no power to make their own decision as to the date of their withdrawal from office. The new Board will take over the Directorship today. Also termination notice was tendered Mr. Yamate.

It was decided that the Board will meet the Coop Board of Operation on Wednesday, May 9, from 10:00 a.m.

Due to the fact that other pressing business were on hand, a recess was called at 11:45 a.m., to be adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

Messrs. Tanaka and Hideshima were excused from the afternoon session and Mr. Fukawa attended after being excused from the morning's meeting. Mr. Nozaka, the Coop general manager was also present at the afternoon meeting.

A list of names of those receiving "bonuses" was revealed and read with great interest by the Board members who were until that moment unaware that such steps were being taken by the former Board.

MINUTES OF THE 2nd COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Cont.)

Mr. Runcorn told the Board that this Coop had the smallest inventory of any center which meant that liquidation here was not a big problem. The inventory here was given as \$18,000.

PROCESS OF CLOSING THE COOP: Mr. Runcorn further explained the method by which a Coop may be closed. (1) after announcement of the closing of the center is made by the Administration, an inventory should be taken. (2) Since this is not a normal liquidation period, special sales should be held at which time all possible things should be sold. There should be no refunds as the sale is below cost. This must be explained to the Internal Revenue office. (3) Whatever the loss can be charged to the general reserve fund. (4) At the same time, advance contract sales of all furnitures and fixtures should be held. (5) Final closing inventory should then be held. (6) All assets should be put in bank. (7) A three-men trusteeship should be formed. Trustees should be paid for their responsibility and they must hold this position for the period of three years. Trustees may be chosen by the Board. There are other plans which may be substituted for the Trusteeship Plan.

Mr. Runcorn suggested that an educational Coop program be instituted to acquaint the members regarding prices, operations, etc. This program will be given consideration by the Public Relation Committee of the Board.

Mr. Runcorn's last suggestion was the forming of a permanent Coop when enough people have relocated to the outside. He feels that the experience gained by the members while in the centers will make possible the forming of Coops on the outside. Organizational methods were described in detail by Mr. Runcorn. However, the Board felt that the time was not yet in sight here to bring this suggestion before the Coop members. However, deep consideration will be given this problem and further discussions will be held with Mr. Runcorn on his next visit here in July.

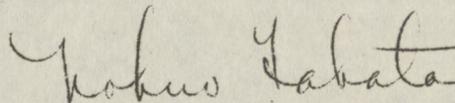
Dr. Ochikubo went on record that he will not accept any compensation as president of the Board of Directors although it is specified in the WRA manual that he may be a paid executive.

A general Congress meeting will be held on Friday, May 11, 1945, at which time Mr. Runcorn will speak before the Congress.

It was decided that signatures for checks will carry the names of either the President or the Vice-President and the Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nobuo Tabata, Secretary  
Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE 3rd COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, May 9, 1945 from 7:45 p.m.

This Board of Directors' meeting was called especially for the purpose of discussing matters relative to Cash Service with the Credit Union Board members.

ROLL CALL: 12 members of the Board were present: Messrs. Ishizaki, Nakahara, Tabata, Nakabayashi, Nakamura, Ishida, Hoshiga, Tekawa, Fukawa, Sakurai, Tanaka and Dr. Ochikubo.

Credit Union Board members present were: Messrs. Honnami, Koyano, Watanabe and Tsukamoto.

The Chairman stressed the fact that there was no necessity of having two banking systems in Topaz; that one organization could take care of all financial business. He further pointed out that Mr. Runcorn recommended the closing of the Coop banking and cash service until such time when the Credit Union can take over the entire business. The Coop Board concurred and heartily endorsed this plan. The Chair stated that in the last nine-month period, the Coop lost \$1,200 for cash service. Under these circumstances, the Coop was willing to donate whatever reasonable amount necessary to the Credit Union for "service rendered" for cash service.

Mr. Honnami, who acted as spokesman for the Credit Union members, gave a brief history of the Credit Union and its inability to get cooperation from the former Congress and its Board of Directors. Credit Union at present is supported solely by its members who number about 350. Mr. Watanabe stated that, "It has always been the hope of the Credit Union to work together harmoniously with the Coop."

The Credit Union proposed that 4 workers would sufficiently take care of the combined business, since there are now 4 workers in the Coop cash service and 2 taking care of the Credit Union business, this means the saving of 2 workers. Total expense will amount to \$165.00 per month. This includes the necessary operating expense, payments for surety bonds, workers' wages and clothing allowances.

The obvious reasons for increasing the number of workers are (1) cashing of government and private checks, (2) more Credit Union members and depositors and (3) cash service.

All government checks will be cashed free of charge. Private checks will be charged a small amount which will be called "donations." It was figured roughly that under this plan, the monthly cash assistance by the Coop will not be very great. After subtracting profits from cash service and the Credit Union running expense, only about \$75.00 from the Coop will be necessary every month.

However, in order to hand over this business to the Credit Union, the Coop must first dissolve cash service and to return the cash loan back to the Coop members. Incidentally, Mr. Ishizaki mentioned the fact that what was first thought to be \$50,000 has now dwindled down to about half of that amount, due to members withdrawing their loans.

The agenda for Friday night Congressional meeting was then drawn up. It reads as follows:

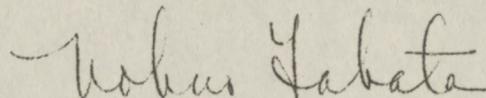
1. Talk by Mr. Runcorn regarding the Cooperative enterprises as a whole.
2. Issuance of receipts for all services.
3. Planned relationship with the Credit Union.
4. Forming of an Auditing Committee.
5. Approval of all special meeting minutes.

The Chair announced the resignation of Mr. Shinozaki as Treasurer. Mr. Tamotsu Tsukamoto was recommended by the Personnel Committee for the position and he was accepted unanimously.

Mr. Nobuo Tabata was unanimously appointed Executive Secretary, pro tem., until such time when a permanent Executive Secretary is elected.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nobuo Tabata, Secretary  
Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE 4th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Fri. May 11, 1945 from 1:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 10 members of the Board were present: Messrs. Onori, Hideshima, Nakahara, Ishizaki, Nakamura, Tabata, Nakabayashi, Hoshiga, Sekurai and Dr. Ochikubo. Mr. Nozaka, the Coop General Manager was also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the 2nd Board meeting was read and approved. The minutes of the 3rd Board meeting was read, corrected and approved.

It was reported to the Board that Mr. Takuji Nakagawa of 37-12-E replaced Mr. Minoru Tsuno as Congressman from Block 37.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to the operation recommendation of the Coop which Mr. Nozaka explained in detail. The highlights were:

1) Buying trip to Salt Lake City and Denver for Mr. Matsumoto, manager of the Dry Goods Department was taken up. List of purchases were enumerated which amounted to \$5,000. Trip expense was listed as \$200, although Mr. Nozaka explained that that amount covered any emergency money necessary. The buyer will leave Topaz about May 15th. The trip, purchase amount and expense were approved by the Board.

2) Mr. Kunio Yoda was recommended by the Personnel Committee for the position of Chief Cashier and this was approved.

3) Miss Fumiko Sakamoto was recommended by Mr. Fukushima to be elevated to a \$19.00 status for her long and diligent service. Her new title to be determined later. This was approved.

4) It was decided that Mr. Hoshiga and Mr. Nozaka will recommend a Personnel Manager as soon as possible.

5) Mr. Nozaka recommended that the Fish Market and the Shoe Repair Department be added to the other services and be put under the control of the Service Manager. Office of Service Manager is still open.

6) Miss Wada was recommended for the position of Acting Purchasing Agent.

7) The Personnel Committee was also asked to fill the position of the Motion Picture Manager.

8) Mr. Nozaka mentioned the fact that the Timekeeper resigned. Discussion was held as to the necessity of replacing the Timekeeper. According to Mr. Nozaka, a timekeeper was necessary and his duties were carefully explained to the Board members. This matter was tabled for further discussion.

9) Mr. Nozaka brought out the fact that very few unused equipments were stored in the warehouse. Two cash registers which will produce receipts are there.

This concluded the operation business for the day.

The first Board business was regarding income tax. After a thorough discussion, the Board recommended sending representatives to Salt Lake City to see Mr. John Greene, the State Internal Revenue officer. The Board will recommend Dr. Ochikubo and Mr. Ishizaki and to give them \$50.00 for expense money. This will be brought before the Congress meeting tonight.

One of the most complexing problems is the future disposition of bonus and overtime pay to employees. This was tabled for further discussion.

The question of movies was also brought up. Only the concessions are keeping the movies from losing money. Too much competition from benefit movies at the auditorium was given as another cause for the loss. One of the plans forwarded at the meeting was to show free movies once a week at the auditorium.

MINUTES OF THE 4th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Cont.)

This method will also save the Coop from paying state tax. This<sup>was</sup>/tabled pending further discussion.

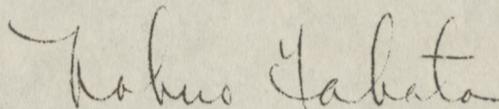
The Finance Department will be instructed in the future, regarding Miscellaneous Expense, to, (1) breakdown the Miscellaneous Expenses and (2) to limit miscellaneous expenses.

At this point, Mr. Nozaka returned to explain about the cigar situation. According to his figures, out of the 34 blocks involved, 30 wanted the sale of cigars over the counter; 2 blocks did not yet hand in their report; one block wanted rationing if possible; and just one block, (Block 36), was adamant and insisted upon dividing the cigars among the blocks. This is to be brought to the attention of the Congress meeting tonight (Friday, May 11, 1945).

Since Mr. Yamate is out as a Congressman, the Board approved the choice of Mr. Nakabayashi or Mr. Hoshiga as the permanent Coop representative to the Student Aid Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nobuo Tabata, Secretary  
Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE 5th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, May 14, 1945 from 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 11 members of the Board were present: Messrs. Omori, Ishida, Tabata, Tekawa, Nakahara, Sakurai, Ishizaki, Fukawa, Hoshiga, Tanaka and Dr. Ochikubo.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS - Incoming:

- 1) Amache Coop: New list of their officers, Board of Directors and managers.
- 2) Minidoka Coop quarterly report of the General Manager to the Congress.
- 3) Confirmation of termination of business relationship as of May 1, 1945, with the Business Service Office of New York.

Renewal of the following insurance policies were brought up for discussion:

- 1) Loss through dishonesty of employees. To be reduced from the former sum of \$20,000 to \$2,000.
- 2) Loss of money and securities within premise. To be reduced from \$15,000 to \$1,500.
- 3) Loss of money and securities outside of premise to remain the same at \$5,000.

The Chair announced that these policies were renewed under new terms for the period of one year with the American Casualty Company of Pennsylvania. This was approved.

The Chair announced that the Coop have in the warehouse, Old Gold cigarettes which are without State tax stamps. As soon as a \$1,000 bond is put up with the revenue office, these cigarettes will be distributed to the residents.

The Project Attorney ruled that Coop members with Blocked Accounts are considered Blocked Nationals and as such cannot hold office on the Board of Directors. Roll call was taken of the present Board members and it was found that no one came under this classification.

The Project Attorney further clarified the point that in order to form a trusteeship upon dissolution of the Coop, it is necessary to amend the articles of incorporation. Should any unexpected source of income come in, the Coop would be in a position to donate it to any charitable organization. This matter was tabled for further discussion.

Mr. Tsukamoto, Treasurer, will officially replace Mr. Ishizaki in the trip to Salt Lake City for a conference regarding income tax with the Internal Revenue officer. He will leave with Dr. Ochikubo probably Wednesday. Mr. Ishizaki will also make the trip as advisor. They will stop at Nephi to confer with Mr. Thomas of the Nephi Bank.

Loan certificates are being prepared for redemption of loans made by the members to the Coop. Payments will probably start next week.

It was announced by the Chair that rebate checks will be ready for distribution in approximately two weeks.

The Board decided that pay will be given for overtime work. This question of overtime pay is to be referred to the Board of Operation for opinion and suggestions. This matter is tabled until the recommendation of the Board of Operation is received.

The Personnel Committee announced that the following positions are still unfilled: 1) Service Manager, 2) Executive Secretary, 3) Secretary to the Board, 4) Personnel Manager, 5) Movie Manager,

Until the above secretary to the Board is found, the proposal was made and approved that a stenographer be employed to cut stencils for the mimeographing of the Congress and Board minutes at .25 cents per report.

The Board approved of the decision to dissolve the Fact Finding Section of the Coop.

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Relationship between the Education Department and the Public Relations Committee of the Board was explained in detail. In the future all information concerning the Coop policies must have the approval of either Dr. Ochikubo, Mr. Hideshima or Mr. Tabata. Information regarding the Operation must have the approval of Mr. Nozaka.

A detailed report of the Coop bank account was given by Mr. Ishizaki of the Finance Committee.

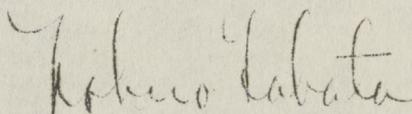
It was announced by the Chairman that all government checks are now being cashed without charge by the Credit Union. This information is being published in the Tuesday's edition of the Coop News (May 15, 1945).

Answers to the charges of Mr. Yamate and the old Board of Directors will be published in detail soon for the benefit of the Coop members and the residents of Topaz in general. This matter will be taken up at the next special Congressional meeting to be held upon the return of Dr. Ochikubo from Salt Lake City.

A suggestion was made to the Board that all future meetings be started on the time as announced. This was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nobuo Tabata, Secretary  
Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE 6th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, May 21, 1945 from 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 11 members of the Board were present: Messrs. Tekawa, Fukawa, Hideshima, Ishida, Nakamura, Hoshiga, Tanaka, Nakahara, Sakurai, Tabata and Dr. Ochikubo.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS - Incoming:

- 1) From Block 36 notifying the Board that Mr. Nagazawa resigned and the new Congressman will be Mr. Motozaki of 36-4-B.
- 2) From Block 36 asking the immediate payment of the October, November and December, 1944 rebates.
- 3) From Block 36 asking the immediate resignation of Mr. Nakabayashi from the Board of Directors on the ground that he is still on the Blocked National status.

The Chair announced that Mr. Max Thomas of the Nephi Bank will be in the center and that a joint Board meeting with the Credit Union will be held with this bank representative on Thursday, May 24th from 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Ochikubo described in detail the trip to Salt Lake City where the Coop representatives conferred with the Internal Revenue Agents regarding Income Tax. The Chairman also mentioned the fact that they met with the bank officials of both the Delta Branch Bank and the Nephi Bank. The fact was brought out which was hitherto unknown that the Coop financial books were all examined by the tax people last June and that all the facts were in their hands at that time. Conferences were held with Mr. Greene and with Mr. Rigby who was in charge last year. It was Mr. Rigby who sent the recommendation to tax the Topaz Coop business enterprises to Washington last year after examining the books here.

It was suggested that the Coop should not protest regarding the return of the \$451.80 income tax that was paid for the first 6-months period of the Coop. Another suggestion was that all money should be returned to the members this year so that the Coop would not have to pay the excess profit tax. In conclusion, the representatives were told that tax amounting to approximately 25% of the total must be paid on unallocated fund for the past two years. This matter will be brought to the attention of the Congress.

The Chairman handed in an itemized report of expense incurred for the trip. The expense amounted to \$30.95 which incidentally included several dollars paid out for Mr. Matsumoto, the Coop buyer who went to Salt Lake City and Denver.

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A special Congressional meeting will be held on Monday, May 28th. Agenda will include:

- 1) Opinion of the Congress regarding the disposal of the Yamate affair.
- 2) Rebate payments.
- 3) Clarification of the Income Tax matter.
- 4) Approval of the minutes of the special meetings held during disagreement with the past Board of Directors.
- 5) Formation of the Auditing Committee.
- 6) Question of the payment of compensation.

The following announcement was made by the Personnel Committee:

- 1) Service Manager - Mr. Kamiya.
- 2) Secretary for the Board of Directors - Miss Narahara.
- 3) Personnel Manager - Mr. Miyata.
- 4) Acting Purchasing Agent - Miss Wada.

These new appointments were unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nobuo Tabata*

Nobuo Tabata, Secretary  
Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE 7th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, May 28, 1945 from 3:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 9 members of the Board were present: Messrs. Fukawa, Hoshiga, Nakamura, Tabata, Sakurai, Tekawa, Nakahara, Ishida and Dr. Ochikubo.

Others present at the meeting were Mr. Lewis P. Jones, CPA., the newly-retained auditor and Mr. Lloyd Buchanan, Project Attorney. Mr. Jones' organization will replace that of Scholefield, Wells and Baxter of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The first part of the meeting was held expressly for the purpose of discussing the Income Tax situation as it affected the Topaz Coop.

Mr. Jones then explained in detail the problem that the Coop is facing and suggested that we should not put in a protest regarding the refund of income tax already paid but accept with qualification. Here Mr. Buchanan brought out the fact that the WRA in Washington was negotiating directly with the Treasury Department in Washington regarding this matter and that we should await its outcome. In the meanwhile, he too, advised the Board that we should accept with qualification instead of protesting the return of the income tax paid for the first six months of the Coop's existence. In case of a protest, Mr. Jones hinted that the Revenue office may insist on further investigation of the books which will bring out several weak points of the Coop financial status.

Mr. Buchanan will write a formal letter of the qualified acceptance for the Coop.

The following business was enacted in the latter part of the meeting.

On receipt of a telegram and subsequent letter from the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco notifying him that he is considered a Blocked National, Mr. Koshiro Nakabayashi resigned, on May 23, 1945, as a member of the Coop Board of Directors and also as the Board's Vice-president.

The Chair announced that Mr. Kenkichi Nakajima will replace Mr. Kawaguchi as Congressman from Block 34. Also, Mr. Takuyemon Koga will take the place of Mr. Yoshida as Congressman from Block 38.

The amounts of the insurance policies carried with the American Casualty Company were changed to the following figures:

- 1) Loss through dishonesty of employees from \$20,000 to \$2,000.
- 2) Loss of money and securities within premise from \$15,000 to \$2,000.
- 3) Loss of money and securities outside of premise remaining the same at \$5,000.

NOTE: Refer for previous figures in Board minutes of May 14, 1945.

The Board decided that the Shoe Repair Department and the Fish Market will now come under the direct supervision of the Service Department.

The insurance policy carried with the St. Paul Mercury Indemnity Company which covered armed robberies and burglaries with physical violence, were cancelled as of June, 1945.

The Board approved the return of rebates covering the months of January, February and March, 1945 as soon as possible. Allocation of Participating Patronage Saving Rate is 17.73%. Of this 15% will be for Patronage Refund and 2.73% will go to Allocated Reserve.

A caution was given from the floor that the physical inventories taken on March 31, 1945 may not be correct. This matter was tabled pending further action.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Coop Board of Directors

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MINUTES OF THE 8th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, June 4, 1945 from 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 8 members of the Board were present; Dr. Ochikubo, and Messrs. Nakahara, Fukawa, Tekawa, Hoshiga, Sakurai, Hirotsu and Tabata.

Minutes of the 6th and 7th Board meetings were read and approved.

COMMUNICATION - Incoming:

- 1) From the Federation of Center Business Enterprises of New York suggesting formation of cooperatives outside where people of Japanese ancestry are found in great numbers.

Discussion centered on the Congress meeting agenda for Tuesday, June 5, 1945 regarding Mr. Yamate.

Due to the importance of taking accurate minutes in Japanese, the Chair asked for the services of two extra secretaries. Mr. Sakurai will contact Messrs. Matsuno and Tahara. Board members will tap other sources in an attempt to secure men who are qualified for this work.

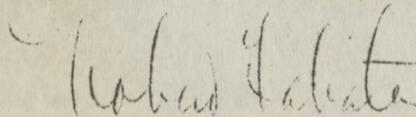
The Chairman announced that Mr. Mankichi Tanamachi of 5-3-C will replace Mr. Sano as Congressman from Block 5.

In order to help out Mr. Koshiro Nakabayashi, who has done so much for the Topaz Cooperative, the Chair suggested writing in his behalf to the Treasury Department to have his status as a Blocked National rescinded. This was approved unanimously and a letter will be written by the Chairman.

The Chair also announced the receipt of \$910.00 from the New York Federation of Center Business Enterprises. This amount consisted the return of deposit, general expense and claims.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE 8th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wed., June 13, 1945 from 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 12 members of the Board were present: Dr. Ochikubo and Messrs. Nakamura, Sakurai, Ishida, Tekawa, Hirotsu, Nakahara, Hoshiga, Hideshima, Tabata, Omori and Fukawa.

Minutes of the 8th Board meeting was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS -> Outgoing:

1) To the Treasury Department asking that Mr. Koshiro Nakabayashi's status as a Blocked National be rescinded.

2) To Mr. Shizuo Sasaki notifying him of the vote of confidence given to him by the Cooperative Congress for his fine efforts during his tenure as congressman from Block 23.

3) To Mr. Yamate regarding the results of the Congress meeting held to discuss the controversy between Congress and Mr. Yamate.

4) To Mr. Raymond Sanford, a duplicate copy of the letter sent to Congress by Mr. Yamate regarding the above controversy.

5) To the St. Paul Mercury Indemnity Company terminating the Shopkeepers Robbery and Burglary insurance policy as of June 1, 1945.

Suggestion was made and approved that a general Cooperative Enterprises report be issued every two months. The Executive Secretary will prepare the report for publication. The Board decided that henceforth Board meetings will be held every Friday from 6:30 p.m. sharp. Also, Mr. Nozaka, General Manager, will be invited to every meeting.

The Chair announced that a sum of \$159.89 was reimbursed for the insurance policies carried with the American Casualty Company.

The Board unanimously recommended that as far as possible all items put up for sale should be reduced in price at the same time complying with the CPA regulations. This suggestion will be made to the Board of Operations through Mr. Nozaka.

**PRIVATE ENTERPRISES PROBLEM:** The question of private enterprise in this center was brought up and of the WRA's responsibility thereof. What the Coop can service to the residents the WRA will be asked to stop, and services that the Coop cannot render will be approved. The Community Council, Block Managers Organization and the Internal Security will be asked to assist in this matter. This was tabled for further clarification and discussion.

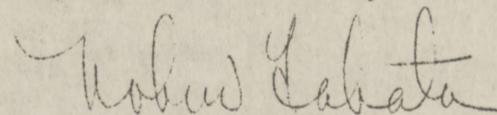
Mr. Seijiro Moritomo, 30-9-AB, and Mr. Hisao Kumamoto, 30-10-D, will be the new congressmen representing Block 30.

Dr. George Ochikubo asked the Board that he be permitted to resign as Chairman. His reason was that he would like to go out for about a month. This matter was tabled for further discussion.

In order to discuss this above matter, Dr. Ochikubo was requested to retire from the meeting. The Board decided that he reconsider this matter and at the same time the Board unanimously decided that the salary due to the chairman be paid immediately.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nobuo Tabata, Secretary  
Coop Board of Directors