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20th COOPERATIVE CONGRESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. in Dining Hall #26 by the Chairman, Mr. Honnami

Roll Call was answered by 40 Congressmen.

Absent were Messrs:

Irasa, I.	1-3-E	Morioka, S.	11-9-B	Nakamura, K.	30-8-CD
Karuma, K.	6-10-A	Nakamura	12-12-C	Akiyama, F.	33-5-A
Kasai, R.	7-4-D	Kinbara, S.	13-7-D	Koyanagi, S.	35-9-F
Uchima, K.	7-10-D	Nakamura, H.	14-6-F	Tanahara, T.	36-7-A
Nonaka,	8-2-B	Shinkai, N.	14-8-C	Matsunaga, S.	36-7-F
Ito, S.	8-4-D	Kaneko, H.	16-6-E	Nakayama, Y.	37-8-C
Harada	9-3-F	Ozawa, H.	19-11-D	Ogawa, S.	38-3-B
Uyeda, M.	9-10-B	Yasuda, N.	22-12-C	Adachi, K.	38-11-B
		Inouye, K.	23-6-E	Nakanizo, H.	42-6-C

Excused was Mr. Sakurai, T. 29-1-A

Minutes of the last meeting were read and correction requested as follows:

- 1-Roll Call, Mr. R. Fanzaki was not absent.
- 2-Merchandise Committee. Mr. Narahara's report should read as \$2,400.00 instead of \$2,200.00; \$1,200.00 instead of \$1,600.00.
- 3-Finance Committee Report. In the discussions a statement was credited to Mr. Yoda. It should have been credited to Mr. Sakai. In the statement credited to Mr. Akiyama regarding rebates, the percentage should be changed from 6% to 6.994%.
- 4-Credit Union. A clarification was requested by Mr. Takakuwa on the following: Membership Fee of 25¢, investment program of the Credit Union and the details on Deposits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Banking Committee

Mr. Takakuwa reported that the Banking Department was able to enjoy the full cooperation of the residents and accordingly has been able to conduct its business with the minimum of inconvenience to the residents.

The following statistics were reported:

CASHING CHECKS

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Government</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dec.	4541	61,899.94	1256	50,093.53	5797	111,993.47

SAFEKEEPING

	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Withdraw</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>No. of a/c</u>
Dec. 31	14,283.48	9,090.76	114,235.35	345

<u>COLLECTION PENDING</u>		<u>MONEY ORDER</u>		
Dec. 31	\$2,905.58	Dec. 31.	<u>No.</u> 524	<u>Amount</u> 10,732.07

<u>CASH ON HAND</u>			
DEC. 31	<u>On Hand</u> 19,978.45	<u>In Bank</u> 97,097.79	<u>Total</u> 117,076.24

<u>CASH RECEIVED FROM</u>			
Dec.	<u>Walker Bank</u> 34,000.00	<u>Consumer Enterprises</u> 52,376.64	<u>Total</u> 86,376.64

POSTAL STAMPS-Monthly Sales

Dec. \$516.40

<u>SERVICE INCOME</u>			
Dec.	<u>Money Order</u> 37.16	<u>Cashing Checks</u> 80.31	<u>Total</u> 117.47

<u>EXPENSE</u>				
Dec.	<u>Postage</u> 19.29	<u>Others</u> -----	<u>Total</u> 19.29	
Dec.	<u>Expense</u> 19.29	<u>Money Order Fee</u> 37.16	<u>Check Fee</u> 80.13	<u>Net</u> 117.47

(A complete report for the quarter of Oct. Nov. and December 1943 is attached as part of these minutes)

Mr. Takakuwa explained that by a previous arrangement with the WRA, in recognition of the service rendered by the Cooperative and mindful of the expenses borne by the Banking Department, the WRA agreed to take care the Cash Advances and the Clothing Allowances of the 3 employees. However, the recent Washington Directive failed to recognize our position and requested a immediate termination of the present arrangement. In spite of negotiations by letters and contacts were made to effect a return to the former arrangement, the final decision on the matter made it necessary to terminate the arrangement as of December 15. This decision is indeed unfortunate because the continuance of freecheck-cashing service is not possible except as an added expense to the people.

Mr. Kimura felt that the cashing of \$50,000.00 in addition to the \$62,000.00 of Government checks cashed here by the residents was an indication of further expenditures on the part of the residents for living expenses, however,

Mr. Takakuwa felt that the \$50,000.00 was not necessarily spent by the residents as an additional living expenses because indications are such as to show that withdrawals have been made from an inconvenient California Bank to a more convenient depository.

COMMITTEE ON DONATION TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION SECTION

Mr. Oida reported that Mr. Isono, the director of Athletics of the CES, acknowledged receipt of \$300.00, and for our reference purposed, a disbursement plan was submitted.

Mr. Sasaki questioned on the date of the check and he was answered by a statement to the effect that check was dated December 15 also asked for a clarification regarding this fund which was to be made available from unclaimed rebates as per Congressional decision and on the lateness of the issuance of this check. In an answer,

Mr. Oida stated that, and he first quoted the minutes of the Congress, that the lateness was due to the involved decision of the Congress, a fact appreciated only the Accounting Department because of complicated bookkeeping entries necessary if that decision was to be followed. Because of the Audit, which was to be started at once, it was felt that in order to avoid explanations concerning the complicated bookkeeping entries it was best to delay slightly the payment. This decision was further helped by the statement to the effect that CES was not in a hurry for the money since the main athletic season had ended.

Mr. Sasaki was not satisfied with the above explanation because he felt that Mr. Fujita had perhaps complicated the whole matter. He also stated that CES wanted the money right away according to his information. He emphasized that in his numerous contacts with Mr. Fujita, he reminded him that the money should be made available for immediate disbursement and he remarked that he was told that a committee to be formed for the purpose of disbursement was not necessary in view of the absence of money.

Mr. Fujita in an answer, stated that no such suggestion was made regarding the fund to be donated to the CES by the Cooperative as unnecessary at the present, because of limited sport activities. He stated that his efforts were directed for a successful passage of the appropriation as a Congressman, however, because he is not in charge of the CES he was never in a position to answer or to act for that organization. He also stated that Congressional action often times required careful study especially the legal aspects of the decision.

Mr. Takakuwa remarked that because of the fact that many members of the Congress, as well as the Board of Directors are unfamiliar with the technicalities and legality, it was felt best to consult the Public Accountant in the employ of the Cooperative for guidance and as a result, an unfortunate delay was made. Originally the money was to be donated out of the unclaimed fund but a decision was made to pay it out of the Current Expense Fund after studying the whole problem because this action was considered best.

Mr. Sasaki requested that, hereafter, a Congressional decision should be immediately acted upon by the Board of Directors because a bad precedent, if established, as in the case of this donation to CES, will result in misunderstanding and ill feelings.

The Chair reiterated that the Cooperative as not acquainted with the urgency of the fund, that the committee studied the legal and technical aspects of the donation, that the delay was unintentional and that in the future a similar incident will not be allowed to occur.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Oida reported that as of December 31, 1943, the Cooperative employees numbered 150, of which 4 were paid \$19.00 by the WRA and of the remaining 146 employees, 56 were employed at \$19.00 and the balance of 90 employees

were employed at \$16.00. The complete break-down according to classification, is attached as part of these minutes.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Tsuzuki reported that the committee had very little activities, however, he stated that the "Co-op News" is to be enlarged and developed into a better bi-weekly (this was approved by the Board of Directors) that the improvement will be made by making it interesting, reliable and prompt and because news items must be made available at once while it is still news. With the change to a bi-weekly paper it was decided by the Board that the delivery boys will be paid \$1.00 as a compensation for the delivery of 2 issues and any other Cooperative materials. The name and address of each delivery boy must be reported at once to the Office in order to insure payment. In an answer to Mr. Kawaguchi's (34) request for the amount of expense involved in issuance of the Co-op News,

Mr. Tsuzuki stated that it was approximately \$21.00 monthly for a single issue and \$42.00 monthly for the bi-weekly which includes paper, stencil, ink and salary, to these must be added the \$34.00 for the purpose of delivery.

In an answer to Mr. Kawaguchi, it was stated that delivery boy could be of any age and any party, however, it is important to remember to supervise and control their deliveries.

LEGAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Yamate reported on public liability. He stated that there was a danger of liability which might be incurred, if and when a motor vehicle is involved in an accident, because to date we have not been able to procure insurance. Northwest Cooperative Auditing and Service Association's auditor, Mr. Jones, was instrumental in procuring a public liability insurance, which is in the standard form of \$10,000 per person, \$20,000 per accident and \$5,000 per accident on property damage. The policy was issued by the Eagle Indemnity Company of New York and will run a period of 1 year starting December 9, 1943. The premium, which is yearly, is \$39.38.

Fire insurance in the Imperial Assurance Company covers \$50,000 on merchandise and it is based on a monthly inventory report of merchandise. The premium is based on our report, however, a deposit premium has been made in the beginning and therefore at the end of the year, adjustments are made either in our favor or in their favor. The premium is based at \$1.25 per \$100.00 and for .0675 and additional coverage is maintained against "Fall Building Clause". Forgery is covered for \$2,000.00, equipment is covered at \$7,000.00, premium is \$290.13, public liability on buildings is covered with a premium of \$33.43. Fidelity and holdup is covered through the Phoenix Indemnity company.

Mr. Nakamoto remarked that the insurance premium on public liability on passenger and truck is very reasonable. It was stated that the low rate can be credited to the Cooperative Insurance Company.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE

Mr. Narahara reported as follows:

- 1) Sales: July - \$47,000 August, - \$41,000 September - \$42,000
October - \$35,000 November - \$34,500 December - \$46,000,
including Dry Goods Sale of December 3rd and 4th, which
totalled \$3,600.00.

In making a comparison of the sales of the summer months against the 3 winter months, he stated that there was a close resemblance between the 3 summer months and the month of December. He pointed out that December sales were chiefly influenced by the sale of ice cream and cold drinks, however, in December the increase in sales was reflected by larger selection of merchandise.

- 2) The new merchandising policy calls for smaller inventory of merchandise, a very conservative operation with an eye to the day of liquidation, therefore, the tendency has been to minimize the loss on that final date.
- 3) By utilizing the bi-weekly Co-op News, merchandise policy and reports will be made constantly. Suggestions and comments will be gladly received by the committee and the members of the Operations.

Mr. Fujita requested a yearly report containing sales, reserves and profits,

In an answer, it was stated that monthly sales figures and profits are made available to the Board of Directors, quarterly reports are made available to the Congress and likewise the yearly report, however, it must be remembered that the fiscal year ends on March 31 of each year. And the Bi-Weekly Co-op News will be utilized to give informations along this line, hereafter, because of a larger available space.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Narahara stated that a Christmas Program put on the night of the 23rd by the members of the Board of Operations, under the direction of Mr. Ogawa, was most successful and it resulted in additional good will. Preparation allowed for this program was only 3 days. The expenses amounted to \$99.47.

The Chair also remarked that the residents responded wonderfully to the program and the comments were all favorable.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fujita in the absence of Mr. Sakurai, who is ill, stated that the various departments of the Service Division are either showing profit or breaking even that since January 1, rebatable cash register receipts are now being issued in the following departments: Beauty Shop, Cleaning, Laundry, Photo and Watch Repair, that the Service Division has a new supervisor with an assistant supervisor attending to field and contact work, this was due mainly to the youth and the inexperience of the former supervisor, that block movie plan is still pending, that of the 4 projectors 2 projectors are in good condition, and that the WRA now has on hand 1 35MM

projector and 3 new 16MM projectors.

- Mr. Sugiyama stated that during Christmas, reproduction of Topaz scenery sold as postal cards in the general store was not available, later and therefore, some have purchased these reproductions at the Photo Studio, however, they did not receive any cash register receipts. He wished to be clarified regarding the acceptability of this Photo Studio receipt in lieu of the cash register receipts which would have been received had the purchases been made at the general store. In an answer,
- Mr. Ogawa stated that because of a unfortunate misunderstanding during his illness, these printed reproductions which were to be sold as merchandise at the general store was not properly handled, however, this matter will be left as is in spite of the fact that it may seem unfair.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Mr. Narahara in the absence of Mr. Akiyama stated that the spaces needed by the Cooperative was made known to the WRA on several occasions, however, the committee has felt that to proceed for a complete negotiation, an authorization from the Congress and the Board of Directors was necessary.
- Mr. Honnami remarked that the Joint Committee on Building had no negotiating power and that after investigations they are to report their findings.

It was felt that the authorization was necessary in order to proceed and complete the negotiation the committee felt was necessary.

- Mr. Kawaguchi (34) felt in his opinion that the committee was empowered sufficiently to proceed with their negotiations.
- Mr. Takahashi opined that the authority is dependent largely on the problem in view of the responsibility.

The Chair remarked that the very nature of the problem decided to a large extent whether it should be referred to the Congress.

Mr. Narahara remarked that the Cooperative Building will not be realized according to Mr. H. R. Watson because the 1944-45 budget has no allocation for this item, that the group of M. P. Buildings might be made available if and when the M. P's are recalled, that the problem of Office Space might be relieved partially by the use of 8 x 12 "pay station" buildings, however, the committee felt that authorization will have strengthened the position of the committee.

Mr. Takahashi was of the opinion that negotiation for pay station and recreation hall buildings should be authorized to the committee.

Mr. Kawaguchi (34) was likewise of the same opinion.

DECISION

By an unanimous decision, the Building Committee was authorized to negotiate for pay station and recreation hall buildings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Takakiwa reported as follows:

- 1) On January 3, inventory in all of the departments was taken and therefore financial report based on this inventory will be ready in about 3 or 4 weeks.
- 2) According to the November records, we have on hand the following: unallocated reserve, \$2,917.56; allocated reserve, 9,735.58; rebates, \$14,387.15 and \$23,203.65 for July-September net earnings.
- 3) Profits for the month of December should be good, based on the trend and profits of October which is \$7,116.42 and on November which is \$5,754.97.
- 4) The amount of patronage rebate for April, May and June is \$14,387.15, and we are in a position to pay these patronage rebates because of our sound financial position, besides, the conservative policy of operation will not call for a large capital. Approximately \$30,000.00 is on hand now and about \$3,000.00 is accounts payable leaving us roughly \$27,000. In view of the above the definite decision can be made in February after a complete report of the accounting department.

EMPLOYEE'S NEW YEAR PARTY

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Oida stated that in appreciation of the hard work by the various employees in all of the departments and in recognition of the Christmas rush work, the Board of Directors has recommended that the employees' party be made possible with an appropriation of \$150.00. He also stated that no directors will be present.

Mr. Kawaguchi (34) was opposed to the idea of the party if this party was in acknowledgment of the efforts on the part of the employees because lot of parties are being held throughout the camp and some of the employees are not as hard working as they have been reported.

Mr. Sasaki emphasized that it was common knowledge throughout the community that full 8 hours of work is usual in the Cooperative and therefore he endorses the Board of Directors recommendation.

DECISION

By a majority vote (32 "yes" - 4 "no") the recommendation of the Board of Directors was approved to appropriate \$150.00 for the Cooperative Employees' New Years Party.

OPERATING AGREEMENT

Mr. Oida reported the progress as follows:

- 1) According to the Operating Agreement, public liability was necessary and in the absence of any such insurance, members of the committee raised their objection to the completion of the negotiation unless this was clarified.

- 2) Soon after the time, when the objection was raised, a successful negotiation has resulted in obtaining a public liability insurance through a Cooperative Insurance Agency and we are now adequately protected.
- 3) In the beginning of the negotiation, the committee felt best that the section on Motor Vehicles be deleted, however, after investigations a sub-committee has recommended the acceptance of the terms and inclusion of this section, with motor vehicles rental rate at \$ 0.11 per truck and .06 per passenger car including maintenance and repair, which means gasoline, oil and other necessary up-keeps.
- 4) Because of the strong sense of responsibility felt by the members of the committee, a Joint Committee was of the opinion that the completed negotiations to date should be reported back to the Congress for their acceptance and approval including authorization for signing and payment.
- 5) The back rental amounts approximately \$6,000.00. In all probability, a 3% interest may be charged by the W.R.A..

Mr. Kimura felt that the 11¢ on truck was fine but also felt that if the truck were used for 10,000 miles, we should be in a position to perhaps buy a second hand car for the amount of rental, however, he was told that the purchase of the car during the war time is, materially speaking, a simple problem, nevertheless, parts and supplies incidental to the operation of the car were not readily available except on high priority rating and in view of further curtailment in gasoline consumption these factors are not to be considered lightly.

It was also stated that transportation charges on goods received at Delta are not made to the Cooperative.

Mr. Nakatani opined that the rental to be paid by the Cooperative to the WRA should be so negotiated that it could be returned to the people, because this rental, after all, rightfully belongs to the various blocks whose facility the WRA has denied the people but by allowing the Cooperative to use it the WRA has turned about and charged rental to the people. He strongly urged negotiations along this line.

The Chair in an answer to this suggestion stated that this, as a problem, should be handled by a group such as the Community Council since it is a political problem although to the Cooperative it is a problem in economics.

Mr. Oida also stated that Mr. Ernst and Mr. Hughes were inquiring on the progress of the Operating Agreement between the Cooperative and the WRA. In an answer to Mr. Hughes' inquiry, members of the Joint Committee met with Mr. Hughes at his office, and discussed the progress to date.

Mr. Omori emphasized that after 5 to 6 months negotiations, it is now to be completed, and although the Congress has once before approved the signing of the Operating Agreement, this Congress should in view of the present situation, once again re-approve the signing of the Operating Agreement, and authorize the payment of rentals, the details of which should be worked out by the directors.

Mr. Takahashi likewise emphasized the fact of prior approval by the Congress and therefore, the Congress should without hesitation re-authorize the signing by the President and the Secretary, and the payment of the rental by the Treasurer.

DECISION

By an unanimous vote, the Congress authorized the President and the Secretary to sign the Operating Agreement, and likewise authorized the Treasurer the full payment of the Back Rentals.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY FUND

Mr. Takahashi stated that cash register receipts which were lost, misplaced or destroyed created a problem financially for the Cooperative because that portion of the sales which was not rebatable to any patrons was subject to Federal Income Tax as an additional income for the Cooperative.

Tickets in the very small denominations are very often thrown away in the stores or the nearby store grounds. The management felt that these tickets, if they were to be thrown away, could be saved in a receptacle especially provided with the following legend: "Cash Register Receipts, placed in here will be donated to the community education fund, and to the Community Activity fund. The fund is kept and distributed at the discretion of a committee to be selected by the Co-op (for this purpose). Thank you."

Also, the patrons who did not wish to keep small tickets were asked to drop them into the proper receptacle, and they were given to understand that the rebates accrued to these tickets will be used as a fund by the Community for Educational and Activity purposes. This method was adopted since the beginning of April 1, 1943, and therefore, a substantial sum will be made available soon after the declaration of patronage rebates by the Board of Directors, and the Cooperative Congress.

In dispersing this fund, the question of responsibility as well as the authorized person or persons must be determined. Because of the very nature of the fund, the Board does not have the right to disperse this fund nor does the Congress the right to disperse the fund, also. The fund in question belongs to the patrons, and a representative of the patrons from each block must formulate policies, and disperse accordingly. This procedure according to the consensus of the opinion is proper and the fairest method.

Mr. Honnami added that previously a committee of 3 had been selected to receive this fund, but in the light of the above, it now develops that this committee does not have the authority to properly disperse this fund, therefore, in order to carry this out properly, it is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that the Congressmen of the various blocks present this problem to the block patrons, and proceed with the election of a delegate, who after a meeting, will carry on with the dispersing program.

DECISION

The Congress unanimously received the suggestion as fair and practical and

worthy of the immediate attention in their respective blocks and to help select a qualified representative to formulate a definite policy and method in connection with the dispersing of this fund.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Chair stated that the election, required by the By-Laws, call for an appointment by the Board of 5 to the election committee. Messrs. Tsuzuki and Kanzaki have been appointed to the committee and the 3 remaining committeemen are to be selected out of the Congressmen.

The Congress unanimously requested the Chair to appoint 3 Congressmen. The 3 Congressmen so appointed are Messrs. Yamada, Muronaka and Kawaguchi.

The Chair reminded the election committee that, according to the By-Laws, election of the Assemblymen is scheduled for the 3rd Monday and the election of the Congressmen is scheduled for the 4th Monday. He also reminded the committee that they should select a Chairman and formulate election procedures.

FISH MARKET

The Chair remarked as follows:

- 1) The last Congressional decision directed the Board of Operations to proceed immediately with the establishment of a fish market, however, developments since then have indicated a clarification was necessary on numerous problems such as: the protests registered by block #19 after their block meeting through their Congressmen, the lack of assurance for a permanency of the presently assigned recreation halls to the Cooperative, the present program of returning the recreation halls to their respective blocks, the uncertainty of the Cooperative Building program, the absence of a favorable reception to the proposed fish market in any particular block; therefore, in view of the above, a permanent investment consisting of plumbing and concrete floors cannot be made at once except on a very temporary basis, and in addition to the above problems, the Council's suggestions on sanitation must be given serious consideration. The minimum sanitation requirements include proper piping, concrete floors, sewer connection and icing facility, and in order to fulfill this sanitation requirements, the original budget cannot be considered satisfactory nor sufficient.

In spite of the many contacts made with the original list of sources submitted by the fish committee together with suggested sources supplied by the various other Cooperatives which are engaged in the sale of fish, only one source replied and assured us cooperation to the extent of supplying some Mexican Sea-Water fish. In the light of the foregoing, the problems are numerous, budget needs to be revised and consideration must be given to any loss which might be suffered in case of a sudden order to change any selected location for the fish market in the absence of a permanent assignment. Good suggestions in writing are welcome in order to bring about the actual establishment of the fish market. The purpose of this report was to clarify any misunderstanding that may now exist on a personal basis and that the members of the Board of Operations have sincerely given this matter a most

thorough consideration, however, lacking the proper answers to the various problems this matter has not been actually accomplished.

TOPAZ FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Mr. Matsumoto, president of the Topaz Federal Credit Union, due to his inability to be present at this meeting, has requested that this message be read before the members of the Congress. The message stated that after many months of deliberations, and untiring effort on the part of the Credit Union Board of Directors, they are now ready to launch the membership drive and in order to solicit membership they felt that their objective could be achieved with the assistance of the Cooperative Congressmen because of their strategic and logical position with respect to their blocks. His message therefore, requested a earnest cooperation on this matter to insure a successful drive in the interest of the people of Topaz.

The Chair stated that the By-Laws of the Credit Union will be ready shortly, that the Credit Union's chief function will be as safekeeping depository for the convenience of the Topaz residents and that saving habit will be encouraged, by the Credit Union.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 P. M..

Respectfully submitted,

R. Maeyama,
Executive Secretary

Mr. Inoue Topaz?

Tuesday
February 1, 1944

21st COOPERATIVE CONGRESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. H. Honnami, at 8:15 P. M. in #26 Dining Hall.

Roll Call was answered by 50 Congressmen.

Absent were Messrs:

Y. Kikuchi	1-11-B	K. Kanzaki	28-10-E	F. Akiyama	33-5-A
K. Kuruma	6-10-A	T. Katase	28-8-F	S. Oida	33-2-F
S. Sakita	10-6-E	H. Yamada	29-9-C	S. Koyanagi	35-9-F
M. Takata	16-7-C	K. Ikeda	30-11-F	G. Shimamoto	36-9-B
S. Nao	20-11-CD	K. Nakamura	30-8-CD	T. Fujita	41-5-B
C. Uyematsu	27-3-D	H. Muronaka	31-7-E	C. Numajiri	42-4-F

Minutes of the last Congressional meeting were not read.

All new, as well as re-elected Congressmen, were introduced at this time by the Chairman. The re-elected Congressmen numbered 27.

DISTRIBUTION OF REBATE- APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 1943

Mr. Takakuwa reported that for the quarter of April, May and June 1943, allocated rebates is \$14,387.15. That, cash position is about \$33,000.00 and accounts payable is \$5,000. or net balance is about \$28,000.00. Therefore, he recommends to the Congress, as the cash position is ample, to pay out rebates for April, May and June 1943.

Mr. Ozawa inquired on the percentage of rebates to be paid for the quarter, and he was answered that the percentage recommended by the Board of Director is 12%.

It was unanimously approved that 12% patronage rebates for the quarter of April, May and June 1943 be paid out in February.

The Chair stated that rebates will be paid out as soon and as humanly as possible.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chair read the names of the present Board of Directors and explained that as 4 members- Messrs. Ito, Nakanizo, Sumi and Yoda were not re-elected as Congressmen, they will have to be replaced. He appointed Mr. Fujita and Mr. Oida as the two members elected from the present Board of Directors and the following five from the Congress to complete the nominating committee which will nominate candidates for the Board of Directors: Messrs. Kinbara, Nakajima, Sakai, Shinkai and Uyeda.

REMUNERATION FOR "CO-OP NEWS" DELIVERY BOYS

The Chair requested the Congressmen to notify the delivery boy in their blocks to call for his remuneration of the first of each month.

Mr. Sakai reported that as yet the office has not been notified of the boy from some of the blocks, therefore, notice to this effect has been published in the "co-op News".

DONATION TO BLOCKS FOR USE OF RECREATION HALLS

The Chair explained that the decision of the meeting held on January 14 by the Board of Directors, was to make an "O-rei" to the following blocks as follows: #12, 19, 26 \$20.00-#8, 31, 41, \$10.00; he asked for opinions concerning this matter from the Congress.

The Chair was asked to give clarification for the reason for this "O-rei", to which he explained that as the Cooperative has been using the recreation halls and other facilities of the above mentioned blocks, thus denying the residents of these blocks the privilege of using these buildings for recreational purposes and inconveniencing them, it was thought a good gesture by the members of the Board if this "O-rei" as above-described was made.

It was unanimously approved by the members of the Congress that the "O-rei" be made to the following blocks as follows: \$20.00 to Blocks #12, 19 and 26; \$10.00 to Blocks # 8, 31, and 41.

The Chair asked if there is any other business to be discussed as the Agenda of this meeting had been discussed.

Mr. Kavaguchi, (34) in re-discussing the matter of delivery boy for distribution of the "co-op News", stated that as there are two Congressmen in each block, a delivery boy is unnecessary. He further stated that \$ 34.00 paid out each month by the Co-op is unnecessary expense. To which,

Mr. Takahashi replied that, as this matter had been discussed over and over again and finally decided upon by the Board and because this new system is an operation at the present time and running satisfactorily, there is no need for re-discussion of this problem.

Mr. Fujita was likewise of the same opinion, that this new system is now being tried and working satisfactorily.

This matter was tabled.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION-ACTIVITY FUND

It was reported that not quite all the names of the representatives from the blocks for the Community Education-Activity Fund

had been turned in, therefore, a request was made for those blocks that had not turned in the name of the representative as yet to do so at once as a meeting is to be held when the list is completed.

GET-TOGETHER PARTY FOR CONGRESSMEN

Mr. Yamate suggested that a get-together party be held for the old and new Congressmen. That this party be very informal and made conservative.

It was the consensus of the opinion that this get-together party is a good idea and that it should be held.

Mr. Ohye suggested that each Congressmen attending this party be charged \$1.00 to pay for the refreshments.

DECISION

It was unanimously approved that a get-together party for old and new Congressmen be held, that each Congressmen attending the party be charged \$1.00 to take care of the expenses.

The Chair appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Yamate (Chairman), Kawaguchi (34), Ozawa and Sakurai to take care of the details for the party.

There were discussions pertaining to the minutes of the Congressional meetings. It was requested that minutes of the last meeting be distributed to the Congress about a week prior to the forthcoming meeting so that they will be able to learn what transpired at the last meeting. To which, it was stated that as the minutes of the last meeting will have to be approved before they can be mimeographed, distribution prior to the next meeting cannot be accomplished.

It was stated that as some of the Congressmen are not acquainted with the provisions of the By-laws of the Cooperative, printed copies of the same should be distributed to all Congressmen.

In an answer to an inquiry on the incorporation of the Cooperative, Mr. Yamate stated that the Topaz Cooperative is incorporated under the District of Columbia.

The Chair stated that as soon as the By-laws of the Cooperative are printed, they will be distributed to the Congressmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. temporary Sec'y

THE MINUTES OF
36TH CONGRESSIONAL MEETING
(Special Meeting)

January 16, 1945

Mr. Yamate
The 36th Cooperative Congress which is a Special Congress was called to order to clean up the business before the election of the Cooperative. The meeting was called to order by the President Mr. Yamate, at 7:45 p.m. at Dining Hall 26, on January 16, 1945.

1. Roll Call

Those present: Messrs. Kikuchi (1), Ogi (4), Sugiyama (4), Kawaguchi (6), Saito (6), Sawamura (7), Kimura (8), Uyeda (9), Morioka (11), Nakagiri (11), Nakamura (12), Kinbara (13), Tsuzuki (13), Shinkai (14), Oshima (14), Nakanishi (16), Ozawa (19), Yamate (20), Moriguchi (22), Nishiyama (22), Fujimoto (23), Isoye (26), Sakai (26), Takahashi (27), Kanzaki (28), Ishida (29), Nakamura (30), Hideshima (31), Nakatani (34), Dowke (36), Nagasawa (36), Ohye (37), Suzuki (37), Kakimaru (38), Yoshida (38), Asoo (39), Nakagaki (39), Ikuma (41), Noda (42), and Fukuhara (42).

Absentee: Messrs. Suzuki (1), Honnami (31), Omori (3), Miyagawa (5), Miyata (5), Kato (7), Iwatsubo (8), Fukawa (9), Nakamoto (10), Sakita (10), Nakajima (12), Kaneko (16), Tanaka (20), Amemia (23), Kiino (27), Mizuno (28), Sakurai (29), Ikeda (30), Akiyama (33), Hirotsu (33), Kawaguchi (34), Murakami (35), Hayashi (40), Jinbo (40).

Four seats vacant.

Before entering the business, the Chairman introduced WRA Washington representatives Messrs. Rossman and Derrickson, who had just come to visit Topaz Consumers Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

2. The Minutes of 35th Congress in Japanese was read and approved with corrections on Mr. Yamate's trip expense account and to the statement of Mr. Nakatani as to the suggestion of one of the member of the Co-op in his block on election.
3. There was no communication to be announced before the Congress.
4. President Report:

First of all the Chair called attention of Congressmen to a mimeographed copy of report of Final Proposed Distribution of Net Savings for Three Months Period Covered by July, August, and September, 1944.

(a) The mimeographed sheet read as follows:

(See Next Page)

FINAL FIGURES FOR PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF
NET SAVINGS FOR THREE MONTHS' PERIOD COVERED BY
JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER, 1944

(1) Total Receipts for the Period

July	\$ 37,625.30	
August	43,066.40	
September	<u>38,731.93</u>	
Total		\$119,423.63
Less Sales for which no Receipts were Issued		
		<u>8,716.28</u>
Amount Participating Patronage Refund		\$110,707.35

(2) Tickets turned in for Patronage Refund during the period

July	34,789.13
August	37,340.76
September	<u>31,717.82</u>
Total	103,847.71

(3) Tickets Issued for Sales and Services but were not turned in for Patronage Refund

July	2,839.17
August	5,725.64
September	<u>7,013.11</u>
Total	\$15,577.92

(4) Net Savings for Period Covered

July	4,064.57
August	4,609.17
September	<u>2,255.35</u>
	\$ 10,929.09

(5) Rate of Patronage Refund for the period \$10,929.09 = 9.872%

(6) Chair suggested the following Percentage of Distribution:

8% for rebate payable to patrons in some future date.
1.87% for ALLOCATED GENERAL RESERVE FUND.

Mr. Yamate suggested that creation of Allocated General Reserve Fund and explained how it was necessary to create this fund aside from allocated reserve fund. This allocated general reserve fund was necessary to protect liquidation and use it as the cushion against the losses. The question of general reserve fund which amounted to \$9,683.80 as of November 30, came up from the floor of Congress. The Chair explained

that this unallocated reserve \$9,683.80 is undividable part of reserve and could be used in case of loss through liquidation but this fund is likely to be subject to taxation. While new allocated general reserve fund is not subject to taxation because it is allocated to individual patrons.

DECISION:

- (1) The Congress with unanimous vote agreed to have 8% out of 9.872% for patronage refund of the period (July, August, and September, 1944).
- (2) 1.87% for allocated general reserve fund to be used as cushion against loss of liquidation and agreed to have such fund be earmarked.

(b) Business trend

Business trend has been very good for the month of October, November, and December, 1944. The comparative figures are as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Net Sales After Tax</u>	<u>Net Saving</u>
October	\$37,867.60	\$4,369.56
November	38,992.19	4,441.57
December	49,362.58	

(December figure is gross sale.
Taxes have to be deducted)

Tickets turned in for Patronage Refund:

October, 1944	29,947.28	in which \$1,042.40 donated tickets were included.
November, 1944	28,386.04	in which donated tickets \$769.47 were included.

Of the above figures, fish market sales amounted to:

October	\$2,481.85	-314.90
November	3,892.17	185.25
December	4,388.00	(subject to correction)

There has been some criticism against fish market operation because of loss figures shown for the month of September \$205.18 and October, \$314.90, but that is unfair criticism because our policy is to operate at cost and not to issue rebate tickets. Beside this investment s and improvements made to the fish market during the month of August, September, and October, are all charged off. Therefore, whatever asset left at fish market such as scale, show case, etc. are all paid for by the end of November which month show profit of \$185.25. (See Fish Market Report).

(c) REPORT FOR TOPAZ CASH SERVICE DEPARTMENT
November, 1944

(1) Check Cashings:

	<u>No. of Checks</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Government	6,134	\$73,882.05	
Private	1,060	58,481.16	\$53.63
Transit		<u>20,561.21</u>	
	<u>7,194</u>	<u>152,924.42</u>	<u>53.63</u>

(2) Money Order and Travelers Cheques Sold

	<u>No. of Checks</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Money Order	975	13,658.45	93.31
Travelers Cheques	<u>189</u>	<u>3,360.00</u>	<u>16.96</u>
	1,164	\$17,018.45	\$110.27

(3) Insurance Sold

Amount	\$3.60	Our Commission	.11
		(previous month)	<u>.60</u>
			.71

Profit and Loss Statement

Gross Income:

Check Cashing	53.63	
Money Order	93.31	
Other Income	.71	
Travelers Cheques	<u>16.96</u>	
Total Income		164.61

Operating Expenses:

Wages	98.22
Payroll Taxes	4.91
Outward Shipping chgs.	23.54
Inward Shipping chgs.	26.32
Cash Short	1.16
Rent	2.85
Depreciation	2.74
Tel & Tel	1.76
Ins. & Bonds	23.15
Misc. Expense	<u>11.71</u>

Total Expenses	<u>196.36</u>
Net Loss for November	\$ 31.75

(d)

TOPAZ CASH SERVICE
December, 1944

(1) Cashing Checks

	No. of Checks	Amount	Fee
Government	6,186	\$67,966.75	
Private	1,161	38,804.53	\$ 51.61
Transit	Co-op Check	9,265.63	
	<u>7,347</u>	<u>\$116,036.91</u>	<u>\$ 51.61</u>

(2) Money Order and Travelers Cheques Sold

	No. of Checks	Amount	Fee
Money Order	679	13,063.45	\$ 63.99
Travelers Cheques	<u>93</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>6.52</u>
	772	<u>\$14,363.45</u>	<u>\$ 70.51</u>

(3) Insurance Sold

Amount sold \$3.60 Our Commission \$.21

Profit and Loss Statement

Income:

Check Cashing	51.61	
Money Order	63.99	
Insurance	.21	
Travelers Cheques	6.52	
Cash Over	<u>15.55</u>	
Total		\$137.88

Expenses:

Outgoing Check Output chgs.	25.68	
Incoming Cost Money Shipping		
Charges for the Months--August, September, October, and December	98.61	
Miscellaneous Expense	5.76	
Bank Balance adjustment with our book Charged off	<u>57.27</u>	
Total		\$187.32

Net Loss for December

\$ 49.44

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
November 30, 1944

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$19,803.52	Loan	\$57,901.22
Cash in Bank	39,092.12	Collection	634.56
Postage Stamps	200.00	Inter-Dept. a/c Payable	533.54
		Acct. Payable(Money Shipmt. Chgs)	26.32
Total Assets	\$ 59,095.64	Total Liabilities	\$59,095.64

TREND OF LOAN FIGURES

Loan as of November 30, 1944	\$57,901.22
" " " December 31, 1944	53,954.54
" " " January 6, 1945	51,076.54
Interest for 3 months	\$59.36

(e) CASH POSITION OF TREASURY

Cash position as of January 16, 1945:

Nephi Bank	\$ 37,186.10
Delta Bank	1,977.20
Total	\$ 39,163.30
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,949.55

(f) Fish Market Report

Fish Market Report is presented under separate sheets this evening.

The report was written in Japanese by the General Manager. He has given the report in full details which Congressmen understood very thoroughly. General Manager's report is to constitute part of this minute. (Congressmen has their own copies which were distributed at the Congress Meeting of January 16, 1945)

(g) Preparation for Coming Cooperative Election

The Chair informed Congress that the Board appointed five Board members to prepare the procedure for coming election.

5. NEW YEAR PARTY FOR EMPLOYEES

Mr. Takahashi presented the employees' case requesting Congress to grant \$150 for their New Year Party, because it has been the custom for the past two years.

DECISION: With unanimous vote Congress passed the motion and granted \$150 for the New Year Party expense.

6. WRA GRANTS ONE EMPLOYEE FOR GOVERNMENT CHECK CASHING

The Chair reported that at the Third Convention of the Federation of Center Business Enterprises, the resolution was passed requesting WRA to share the cost of cashing government checks. The following answers were received from Washington through Mr. MacNeil: Gila, Pecos, and Tule -- two clerks; Topaz, Amache, Manzanar, Minidoka, and Heart Mountain, to receive one employee at the rate of WRA "C" wage scale. At this point Mr. Yamate spoke to Mr. Rossman who was sitting beside him and received confirmation to the above effect. This was the good news of the evening.

7. KINEN-SHI

Kinen-shi of Topaz Cooperative were distributed among residents this afternoon throughout the Center and created very favorable sensation, but there were some person who did not put in their names in the Kinen-shi who were sorry figure. In order to satisfy those people, Mr. Tsuzuki proposed to the Congress that Cooperative accept additional names to be printed as supplemental to the original publication. The Congress thought it to be a very fair and good idea. In behalf of the publication committee, Mr. Tsuzuki announced that the Committee on Publication of Kinen-shi will accept additional names to be added to the Kinen-shi. Those people who wish to have additional copies will be available at a fixed price, but as yet no price was definitely set.

8. CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO DISTRIBUTION AMONG SMOKERS

The question of tobacco and cigarette came up once more. Mr. Nagasawa of Block 36, proposed that Durham and pipe tobacco also be placed on the allocation list.

DECISION: The Congress decided with majority vote that Durham and pipe tobacco also be placed on the allocation list in the same manner as that of cigarette.

9. APPRECIATION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL SECRETARIES

The Chair mentioned the splendid services of the past year by Messrs. Matsuno and Kitano as Congressional Secretaries. The Congress was impressed by their service and have reached the following decisions:

DECISION: That this two gentlemen be shown appreciation in material way and left it to the discretion of Board of Directors.

10. PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS

Mr. Yamate thanked the Congressmen and Board members for their splendid service, which they rendered to the community by their wholehearted cooperation during the past year. He stated that the Congress has gone through a period of hardship at the early part of last year but have successfully came out of it and have given splendid services to the Cooperative movements, and for the welfare of the community.

Unless there is some urgent necessity of calling a meeting, this Congressional Meeting will likely be the last one before the New Congress is elected.

Meeting adjourned in a happy and gay mood on the part of every Congressmen at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matsuno and Kitano
Congressional Secretaries

(Note--The original of this minute was taken in Japanese. This English version is the content of the business transacted during the evening).

OPERATING STATEMENT

LOSS & GAIN FOR THE PERIOD COVERED BY
MARCH 1, 1944 TO NOVEMBER 31, 1944

January 12, 1945

	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>LOSS</u>
MARCH	\$13.50	
APRIL		\$40.05
MAY		140.79
JUNE		93.65
JULY		223.97
AUGUST		258.51
SEPTEMBER		39.22
OCTOBER		56.66
NOVEMBER		<u>311.75</u>
	<u>\$13.50</u>	\$884.60
	LOSS	\$871.10

TOPAZ CO-OP CASH SERVICE
BALANCE SHEET

December 30, 1944

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	\$14,255.75
Cash in Bank	40,859.05
Postage Fund	200.00
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	\$55,314.80

LIABILITIES

Loan	\$53,964.54
Collection	866.16
Inter-Dept. Account Payable	424.74
Accrued Interest Payable	59.36
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	\$55,314.80

TOPAZ CO-OP CASH SERVICE
OPERATING STATEMENT
For the Month of December, 1944

GROSS INCOME:

Check Cashing	\$51.61	
Money Order	63.99	
Others	.21	
Travelers Cheques	6.52	
Cash Over	<u>15.55</u>	
Total Income		\$137.88

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Outgoing Money Shipment Exp.	\$25.68	
Incoming Money Shipment Exp.	98.61	
August, Sept. October, & December		
Miscellaneous Expense	5.76	
Adjustment Bank Balance (Book balance over)	57.27	
Interest on Loans	<u>59.36</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>246.68</u>

NET LOSS

\$ 108.80

Note:

1. Expenses from Main Office are not included in this statement, because they are not presented to us as yet.
2. \$57.27 adjustment is result of careful check up by the Manager of Cash Service Department on charges by the bank but was not reported before.
3. \$59.36 was not included in Mr. Yamate's report to Congress, January 16, 1945.

Tabata

Name of Congressman _____ Blk _____ Bldg _____ Apt _____

The 47th Cooperative Enterprises Congress meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, August 7th, 1945, from 6:30 P.M. at Dining Hall 26. Agenda for the evening will include:

A. Explanation

1. Store 2 (Dry Goods) to close end of August
2. Beauty Parlor to be permanently closed
3. Store 1 (Canteen) to hold sales for slow moving and dead stock.
4. Mail Order Department discontinued as of August 1st

B. Recommendation of "faithful services rendered" by Key Personnel from Service and Personnel Chairmen.

C. Liquidation of the Cooperative Enterprises

1. Dissolution date to be set
2. Question of employees' compensation during final stages of operation
3. Explanation of WRA agreements and plans
4. Explanation of Trusteeship
 - a. 3 members to be elected to trusteeship
 - b. Compensation
 - c. Responsibilities

5. Vacancy in the Board of Directors to be filled

NOTE: Trustees and Board of Directors to be elected at Special Congressional Meeting.

6. Problem of equipments and fixtures to be disposed
7. Question of Income Tax
8. ~~Reserve~~ ~~Insurance~~ of Robate Stubs

D. Consideration and taking under advisement, amendments to the By-laws and Articles of Incorporation to designate the Trustees to donate residue funds to some organization. To be adopted 30 days from today.

This meeting will be perhaps the most important in the history of the Cooperative. Every member of the Congress is urged to attend for the benefit of their block members.

YOUR PROMPT ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED.

Nobuo Tabata, Secretary
Cooperative Congress

MINUTES OF THE 45th CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

(Refer to original minutes in Japanese for full particulars)

Held at Dining Hall 26, Tuesday, June 5, 1945 from 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 38 Congress members were present. Mr. Mankichi Tanamachi, new Congressman from Block 5 was introduced.

Minutes of the 44th Congress meeting was read in Japanese, corrected and approved.

Mr. Nakatani of Block 34 inquired if there were any more members on the Board of Directors who were on the Blocked National status. The Chair replied negatively.

The agenda for the evening was read by the Chairman.

The Chair explained that this meeting was held specifically for the benefit of Mr. Yamate who brought numerous charges against members of the Coop and at the same time gave his side of the controversy. The Chairman remarked that two letters were sent to Mr. Yamate and finally an answer was received this day (June 5, 1945) declining the invitation to appear before the Congress. His reasons as contained in his letter were first read in English by the Secretary and later translated into Japanese by the Chairman.

The above being the case, the Chair inquired if Congress would wish to go on with the meeting as planned. Upon taking the votes regarding this matter, the following resulted:

Yes -- 30
No -- 5

A motion was made by Mr. Hoshiga that: "The Yamate statements are not all facts nor true in many respects, so they should not be accepted as such in the Congress minutes." The motion was seconded by Mr. Ishizaki.

This motion was made to contract Mr. Yamate's request that his statements be put in the Congress minutes in its entirety as being absolutely true. In order to strengthen this fact, his letter had been notarized by Mr. Joseph Jones of the Administration. After a lengthy discussion, a vote was taken and the results were:

Those in favor of Mr. Hoshiga's motion - 28
Those opposed to Mr. Hoshiga's motion - 5

Opposite views were expressed by the following Congressmen regarding the Yamate statements:

- 1) Mr. Hoshiga challenged the statements and explained position regarding himself.
- 2) Mr. Fukawa challenged the statements and explained position of Block 9 Assembly and Mr. Tanaka, Congressman from Block 9, who was absent due to illness.

At this point, Mr. Ishizaki took over the chairmanship.

- 3) Dr. Ochikubo challenged the statements and explained position of Block 23 Assembly and Mr. Shizuo Sasaki, former Congressman from Block 23.
- 4) Mr. Nakahara challenged the statements and explained position regarding himself.
- 5) Mr. Okamoto challenged the statements and explained position regarding himself.

The Chairman, at this time, reminded the Congress that since the letter and the statements were notarized, they must be taken for granted as to its authenticity.

- 6) Mr. Hoshiga again challenged the statements about Mr. Yamate's defense regarding his expense item of \$250., and his (Yamate's) adverse treatment of Mr. Tanaka.
- 7) Mr. Nakabayashi challenged the statements and explained position regarding himself. He also brought out the point that Page 9 of Mr. Yamate's statement was missing despite the fact that his notarized letter mentioned specifically only 8 pages.

Here, the chairmanship was turned over to Mr. Hoshiga.

- 8) Mr. Ishizaki challenged the statements again regarding the expense item of \$250.

Minutes of the 45th Congressional meeting (continued)

A motion was made by Dr. Ochikubo that: "A vote of confidence be accorded Mr. Sasaki in appreciation for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Topaz Cooperative." The motion was seconded by Mr. Ishizaki and passed unanimously.

The Chairmanship was returned to Dr. Ochikubo.

Block 27 presented a resolution through their Congressman, Mr. Takahashi, that the Cooperative be dissolved as soon as practicable. Mr. Takahashi further explained the reasons for this move. However, he was reminded that liquidation plans were discussed at the previous meeting at which time he was not present. His suggestion regarding the early closing of the Cooperative will be held in abeyance.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nobuo Tabata, Secretary
Cooperative Congress

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE 46th CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

(Refer to original minutes in Japanese for full particulars)

Held Dining Hall 26 Tuesday, July 3, 1945 from 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 36 Congress members were present. Three new Congressmen were introduced; Mr. Kenichi Suzuki, Block 1; Mr. Shigenobu Matsumoto, Block 26; and Mr. Mitsuo Fukuhara from Block 42.

Agenda for the All-Center Cooperative Enterprises Conference to be held in Salt Lake City from July 9, 1945 was read and explained to the Congressmen by the Chair. Without further discussion the entire Topaz agenda was approved unanimously.

Mr. Nakatani suggested that three delegates be sent to this conference and that \$50 per person be allotted for expense.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoshiga that: "Topaz delegates have full power to approve all motions made at the Conference except those that they think imperative. This latter must have approval of the Congress." The motion was seconded by Mr. Ogi and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoshiga that: "One Topaz delegate be Mr. H. S. Nozaka, General Manager of the Cooperative Enterprises, and the other two to be chosen from among the Board members." The motion was seconded by Mr. Ogi. However, due to another suggestion made, Mr. Hoshiga retracted his motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Nakatani that: "Due to the importance of the conference the President of the Cooperative Enterprises should be one of the other two delegates to attend the conference. The remaining delegate to be chosen by the Board." The motion was seconded by Mr. Nakamura and passed unanimously.

The Chair asked that a new survey of cigarette smokers and pipe tobacco users be made as soon as cigarette survey forms are printed. The survey was made necessary due to relocation of evacuees during the last few months.

A resolution was presented by Block 9 Assembly regarding pipe tobacco distribution. The answer was held in abeyance until the new cigarette and tobacco survey forms are returned from that block.

Mr. Hirotsu explained to Congress regarding the paying of salary to Dr. Ochikubo. Mr. Nakatani suggested that some form of compensation be made to the secretaries for their extra work. The Chair reminded Mr. Nakatani that following the new policy of the Congress no more compensation will be paid. However, payments may be made as overtime work. Mr. Fujii suggested that Mr. Nakahara and Mr. Tabata be asked to work as secretaries for the Cooperative. The Chair advised this matter be tabled for further discussion by the Board.

Recess.

The minutes of the 45th Congress meeting, being important and long, Mr. Nakahara, the secretary, asked the Congressmen that all personal statements made be corrected if necessary. The minutes was read and approved. A motion was made by Mr. Fujii that: "The above minutes be mimeographed and delivered to every resident in the center." The motion was seconded by Mr. Nakahara and the results were:

Those in favor of Mr. Fujii's motion -- 25
Those opposed to Mr. Fujii's motion -- 3

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nobuo Tabata
Nobuo Tabata, Secretary
Cooperative Congressmen

MINUTES OF THE 10th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, June 22, 1945 from 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 10 members of the Board were present: Dr. Ochikubo and Messrs. Fukawa, Ishida, Nakamura, Hirotsu, Nakahara, Tabata, Sakurai, Hoshiga and Omori.

Minutes of the 9th Board meeting was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS - Incoming:

1) From Mr. Setsuji Tanaka requesting acceptance of his resignation from the Board and Congress due to his relocation plan in the very near future.

2) From Mr. K. Yoshiwara, Chairman of the Block 9 Cooperative Assembly, regarding the acceptance by the Block Assembly of Mr. Setsuji Tanaka's resignation as block congressman.

3) From Mr. H. S. Nozaka, General Manager of the Coop, requesting approval of the stock taking dates for July 2 and 3, 1945.

4) From Mr. Akira Inaba, Executive Secretary of the Amache Cooperative Enterprises, asking our cooperation in the proposed conference for the formation of cooperatives on the outside.

5) From Mr. Akira Inaba giving outline of the proposed fourth All-Center Conference and a copy of the letter regarding same to Dr. Miyamoto.

6) A copy of a letter from Mr. Lloyd Buchanan, Project Attorney, to Mr. Raymond Sanford, Assistant Project Director, regarding amendment of Articles of Incorporation which would be necessary to specify the beneficiary of any residual funds.

7) From Mr. Sasato Yamate, an answer to our request, for the return of correspondence belonging to the Coop letter files and also reasons explaining his position.

8) A copy of a letter from Mr. Otto Rossman to the Topaz WRA regarding Dr. Miyamoto calling a meeting of the Federation of Center Business Enterprises, specifically requesting Topaz as its proposed conference center.

9) From Dr. George Ochikubo regarding his refusal to accept salary as President of the Topaz Cooperative.

Outgoing:

1) To Mr. K. Yoshiwara, Block 9 Assembly Chairman, asking block to reconsider Mr. Setsuji Tanaka's resignation as block congressman.

2) To Mr. Sasato Yamate requesting the originals of the letters which he still has in his possession and which the Cooperative Enterprises feel that he holds illegally at the present time.

3) To Heber J. Grant and Company, notifying that the Storekeepers' Robbery and Burglary insurance policy will not be renewed until date of expiration, January 15, 1946 is reached. At that time decision concerning this policy will be made.

4) To Dr. T. Miyamoto, Los Angeles, California that the Topaz Coop feels the conference, suggested by the Amache Consumer Enterprises that Topaz be used, be held elsewhere for various reasons mentioned therein.

Thorough discussion regarding the proposed meeting of the center cooperatives and the 9 points suggested was made by the Board. Several of its points were thought favorable and others opposed. The Chair will notify Dr. Miyamoto and Mr. Inaba of the Amache Consumer Enterprises and Mr. Rossman of the WRA that we will not be able to act as hosts.

The request of the Board of Operations to set aside July 2 and 3 for stock taking was unanimously approved. However, a suggestion will be forwarded to them that certain necessary services should be kept open at least half a day on July 4, 1945.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nobuo Tabata

Nobuo Tabata, Secretary
Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE 11th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, June 29, 1945 from 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 9 members of the Board were present: Dr. Ochikubo, and Messrs: Hideshima, Omori, Tabata, Sakurai, Hirotsu, Hoshiga, Ishida, Nakamura and Mr. Nozaka was also present.

Minutes of the 10th Board meeting was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS -- Incomings:

- 1) From Mr. Nozaka that:
 - a) Uncalled-for cigarettes be sold over the counter after the expiration date on the ration tickets and.
 - b) That publicity be given to the members and the general public through Coop News that the Coop will not close in the near future. This publicity is to be given in order that the Coop may be able to get new workers.
- 2) From Mr. Sasato Yamate, a letter again explaining his position and also returning the original Block 9 resolution.
- 3) From Dr. T. Miyamoto (telegram) announcing that the All-Center Cooperative Enterprises Conference will be held in Salt Lake City starting July 9, 1945.
- 4) From Jacobson, Jentsch, Rector & Company affirming that Mr. Lewis P. Jones will be in Topaz for auditing purposes on July 23, 1945.
- 5) From Mr. H. Nozaka regarding payments of employees' compensation.

Outgoing:

- 1) To Mr. Sasato Yamate acknowledging the receipt of the Block 9 resolution.
- 2) To Dr. T. Miyamoto acknowledging receipt of a wire regarding the date and place of the All-Center Cooperative Enterprises Conference.

Regarding the sale of uncalled-for cigarettes as suggested by the Board of Operations, the Board approved but added a suggestion that the cigarettes be kept for ration tickets at least five days instead of the present three days. Congressmen will be cautioned that on distribution of the tickets, the expiration date on the ration tickets be told to the residents.

Mr. Miyata, the Personnel Manager, asked the Board publicize the fact that the center and the Coop will not be closed in the near future. This publicity is necessary in order that new workers can be employed. The Board will put in an item regarding this matter in the early issue of the Coop News.

The Chair requested that reports for May and June, 1945, be prepared as soon as possible.

Regarding the suggestion made by the Board to lower prices of all items for sale, the Board of Operations feels that the present prices are reasonable but will consider lowering prices if such can be done.

The Board approved of the buying trips to be taken to Salt Lake City by Mr. Ono of Store No. 1 and Mr. Matsumoto of Store No. 2.

The Chair brought the matter regarding motion pictures to the attention of the Board. After some discussion the Board approved: 1) that double features at double price be banned. 2) Coop employees be admitted to regular Sunday night shows instead of having a special showing Sunday nights in Block 32. This will save operators from working gratis. 3) Whenever possible and showings can be arranged, movies will be shown at the hospital to the staff and patients free of charge.

Dr. Ochikubo and Mr. Nozaka fully explained the matter of employees' compensation. Facts and figures were furnished for the benefit of the Board. Messrs. Hoshiga, Sakurai and Hirotsu were appointed to investigate this problem fully and bring it up for the August Congress meeting.

The secretary announced that Mr. Kenichi Suzuki, 1-7-C will replace Mr. Iwao Iwase as congressman from Block 1.

Due to heavy relocation, Congress will be asked that a new cigarette census be taken.

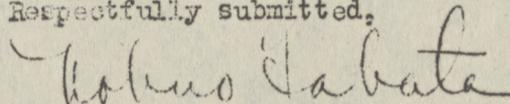
Minutes of the 11th Coop Board of Directors Meeting (Cont)

Regarding the All-Center Cooperative Enterprises Conference to be held in Salt Lake City from July 9, 1945, the Board made the following recommendations for approval by Congress:

- 1) Topaz Coop will attend the conference by sending two or three representatives. Tentative expenses for approximately 7 days will be \$50.00 per person.
- 2) Power of the delegates will be defined by the approval of the Congress.
- 3) The Topaz Coop agenda will be in regards to the proposed agenda sent here by Dr. Miyamoto, as follows: No. 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 will be discussed. No. 1 and 9 are not favored by Topaz Coop. No 2 regarding the proposed closing of the cooperatives will be a matter individual to Topaz. The Board feels that Topaz Coop cannot concur with the other centers regarding this matter. No. 5 regarding single trusteeship of all centers is not approved by Topaz Coop. The Board feels that this also is problem of each center.

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 12th COOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, July 7, 1945 from 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 8 members of the Board were present: Dr. Ochikubo, and Messrs. Nakahara, Nakamura, Hideshima, Hoshiga, Omori, Sakurai and Tabata.

Minutes of the 11th Board meeting was read and approved.

COMMUNICATION - Incoming:

- 1) From Mr. Ishizaki (telegram) that he will be able to attend the conference as one of the Topaz Coop delegates.

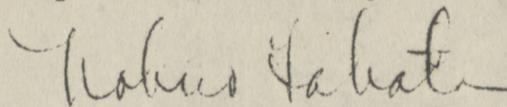
The Chair explained his informal conversation with Mr. Buchanan, Project Attorney, regarding overtime payments.

The Chair also announced that the first showing of movies at the hospital, as approved at the last Board meeting, will be held on Saturday, July 8, at the hospital dining hall for the staff and patients.

Mr. Fukushima and Mr. Ono will go on a buying trip to Salt Lake City and Denver and perhaps to Chicago where they will attempt to buy a large supply of candies for sale at the Coop. Mr. Matsumoto of Store No. 2 will go on the buying trip to Salt Lake City only.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nobuo Tabata, Secretary
Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

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Held at Dining Hall 19, Monday, April 16, 1945, 8:05 p.m.

Due to the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairman, Dr. George Ochikubo. Messrs. Tanaka and Nakahara were designated Acting Japanese Secretaries and Mr. Tabata, the Acting English Secretary.

ROLL CALL: 42 Congress members were present. There were approximately 125 observers from the various blocks.

AGENDA: The agenda for the evening was passed upon unanimously, namely: Because of absolute lack of confidence that Congress demand the resignation of the entire Board of Directors.

Mr. Hoshiga explained the distribution of adverse propaganda by the Board.

Messrs. Narahara, Sugiyama, Nodohara, Ichiyasu and Yoshizumi of the Community Council were presented to the Congress. Mr. Sugiyama acted as spokesman and explained that they were approached by both parties concerned to act as intermediaries if possible.

The Congress decided not to use the good office of the Community Council to settle this dispute. Reason given: that the Congress could trust the Community Council but that they have no faith in the word of the Board members to reach any satisfactory conclusion.

During the discussion that followed, Dr. Ochikubo relinquished his chair in favor of Mr. Nakabayashi.

At this point, the Community Council members retired so that discussion could be held by the Congress members only.

In order to free the Council Committee from all obligations and responsibilities but in appreciation of their kindness in purpose, a motion was made by Dr. Ochikubo that: "The presence here tonight of the Council Committee should be regarded as those of honored guests and observers." The motion was seconded by Mr. Nakahara and was passed upon unanimously.

A motion was then made by Dr. Ochikubo that: "The Congress demand the resignation of the entire membership of the present Board of Directors because of the absolute lack of confidence". The motion was seconded by Mr. Ogi.

Due to the importance of the motion, a ten minutes recess was called for by the Chairman.

It was decided by the Chair that a secret ballot should be taken so that no one could be swayed by undue individual opinion. The motion was carried unanimously, there being 41 "YES" and no "NO", with the Chairman not participating in the voting.

A motion was made by Dr. Ochikubo that: "The resolution of the above decision be sent and tendered to the Board of Directors to be effective midnight, Friday, April 20, 1945, the date set for special election". The motion was seconded by Mr. Ishizaki and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kojimoto that: "A letter of thanks for their kind efforts to mediate be sent immediately to the Community Council with reasons why their good office was not used by the Congress". The motion was seconded by Mr. K. Kawaguchi and passed unanimously.

With the approval of the Congress, the Chairman was instructed to choose the Nomination Committee for the purpose of selecting 15 names for the new Board of Directors. The Chair named Mr. Ishizaki chairman and the following to assist him: Messrs. Hirotsu, Omori, Sakurai, Ishida, Nakahara, Tabata and Messrs. Aso and Yoshida representing the old Board.

At the kind suggestion of the Chairman, a standing vote of confidence and appreciation was accorded Mr. Hoshiga for his unselfish and untiring efforts in the prolonged fight of the Congress to oust the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Dr. Ochikubo and seconded by Mr. S. Nakamura that: "The meeting be closed". The motion was carried unanimously and the Special Congress meeting was officially closed at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nobuo Tabata, Acting Secretary
Cooperative Congress

MINUTES OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Dining Hall 19, Tuesday, April 17, 1945 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Ishizaki.

ROLL CALL: The following members of the Committee were present. Messrs. Sakurai, Ishida, Hirotsu, Omori, Nakahara, Tabata and the Chairman. Messrs. Aso and Yoshida absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to nominate 15 candidates for the Board of Directors as set forth in the By-laws of the Cooperative Enterprise Congress. After a considerable discussion, the following names were selected to be presented to the Congress at the special Election meeting to be held Friday, April 20, 1945:

	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Block</u>
1.	Dr. G. Ochikubo	23
2.	K. Nakabayashi	20
3.	G. Hoshiga	4
4.	K. Ogi	4
5.	S. Tanaka	9
6.	K. Kawaguchi	6
7.	S. Hideshima	31
8.	S. Nakamura	12
9.	M. Fukawa	9
10.	S. Tekawa	35
11.	T. Miyata	5
* 12.	S. Nozaka	28
* 13.	K. Yoshida	38
* 14.	B. Aso	39
* 15.	K. Ikuma	41

Note: Asterisk denotes members of the old Board of Directors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Nobuo Tabata

Nobuo Tabata, Acting Secretary
Cooperative Congress

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

Held at Dining Hall 19, Friday, April 20, 1945, 8:00 p.m.

Due to the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairman, Dr. George Ochikubo. Messrs. Tanaka and Nakahara were designated Acting Japanese Secretaries and Mr. Tabata, the Acting English Secretary.

ROLL CALL: 38 Congress members were present.

Japanese version of the previous meeting's minutes were read and approved.

Although the agenda for the evening called for election of the new Board of Directors, this was laid aside while the Chairman explained a meeting with the Project Director was being arranged in which the latter expressed his desire to settle this matter in a more amicable manner. Those attending the meeting held Thursday afternoon, April 19, at Mr. Hoffman's office included: Messrs. Ishizaki, Nakahara, Nakabayashi, Hoshiga, Tabata and Dr. Ochikubo who acted as spokesman for the group. The proposition as suggested by the Project Director was that the present Board of Directors and the majority group of the Congress each send 5 representatives with full authority and power, to meet with Mr. Hoffman. All three parties are to agree upon a date for the calling of an official Congress meeting, make up the agenda for the night and Mr. Hoffman will, as well as the other two parties concerned, abide by the decision rendered at that meeting.

Discussion concerning this proposal was discussed by the Congress including further explanation by Messrs. Hoshiga and Ishida regarding an informal meeting held by some 14 members of the majority group that afternoon, Friday, April 20, 1945.

A motion was made by Mr. Kojimoto that, "The Congress accept Mr. Hoffman's suggestion for mediation". The motion was seconded by Mr. K. Kawaguchi and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Ogi that, "The Chairman to appoint the committee of 5 to represent the majority members of the Congress". The motion was seconded by Mr. Sakurai and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Ishida that, "The Committee shall have full power and authority to represent the Congress with the following 4 points for the basis of the proposed meeting. a) Meeting to be held within a week, b) Dissolution of the Board of Directors, c) To insist on the above, d) The Board, the Congress and the Administration to abide by any and all decisions reached at that meeting". The motion was seconded by Mr. S. Nakamura and passed unanimously.

The Chair selected the following 5 men to serve on the Committee: Messrs. Ishizaki, Hoshiga, Nakabayashi, Tabata and the Chairman.

A motion was made by Mr. Nakabayashi that, "This meeting be recessed until further clarification of the proposed mediation meeting with Mr. Hoffman". The motion was seconded by Mr. Ishizaki and passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nobuo Tabata, Acting Secretary
Cooperative Congress

MINUTES OF THE 43rd CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

Held at Dining Hall 26, Friday, May 4, 1945 from 8:00 p.m.

Due to the absence of all Board of Directors members, Mr. Raymond Sanford, Assistant Project Director, called the meeting to order. This was immediately followed by the election of a temporary chairman as requested by Mr. Sanford.

Dr. Ochikubo was elected temporary chairman; Messrs. Tanaka and Nakahara were designated as acting Japanese secretaries and Mr. Tabata, the acting English secretary.

ROLL CALL: 49 Congress members were present.

New Congressmen were introduced to the Congress: Messrs. Sato (8), Fujii (13), Maruyama (13), Kimura (22), Hatanaka (22), Yaguchi (26), and Yoshida (42).

At this time, the Congress officially accepted the resignation tendered by the old Board of Directors clearing the way for the election of the new Board. The resignation was accepted unanimously.

Mr. Dowke of Block 36 presented a resolution from that Block calling for the resignation of the entire Congress. Reason: That if the old Board had to resign, it was just as much a responsibility of the entire Congress to do the same such being the case, the Congress should resign en masse.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoshiga that: "Congress refuse to accept the resolution of Block 36 and will not resign under such circumstances since each Congressman has the full confidence of his respective Block". The motion was seconded by Mr. Ogi and was passed unanimously.

The Chairman then appointed a nominating committee of 7 comprised of the following men: Messrs. Ishizaki, chairman, Ishida, Tabata, Sakurai, Omori, Hirotsu and Nakahara.

After a recess of twenty minutes, the nominating committee submitted the following fifteen names for the Board of Directors: Messrs. Hoshiga, Ogi, Miyata, Kawaguchi, Kojimoto, Fukawa, Tanaka, Nakamura, Ozawa, Nakabayashi, Isoye, Ochikubo, Hideshima, Tekawa, and Akiyama.

8 names were nominated from the floor and added to the list.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Second</u>
Hirotsu	Hoshiga	Ogi
Ishizaki	Nakamura	Nakabayashi
Ishida	Hideshima	Ishizaki
Sakurai	Fujii	Kojimoto
Nakahara	Miyata	Sano
Omori	Kawaguchi	Hirotsu
Tabata	Fujita	Murata
Miyakusu	Akiyama	Hoshiga

Nomination was then closed by Mr. Tabata, seconded by Mr. Ishizaki.

Final results of the election:

Number of votes cast	First Ballot	Second Ballot	Third Ballot
<u>Names</u>			
1. Ochikubo	42		
2. Hoshiga	41		
3. Ishizaki	41		
4. Nakamura	41		
5. Tanaka	41		
6. Hideshima	40		
7. Nakabayashi	40		
8. Omori	37		
9. Ishida	37		
10. Tabata	36		
11. Sakurai	36		
12. Nakahara	35		
13. Hirotsu	33		
14. Tekawa	32		
15. Fukawa	22	16	39

16. Miyata	19	2	
17. Kawaguchi (6)	18	5	
18. Ozawa	17	6	
19. Isoye	17	8	5
20. Akiyama	15	5	
21. Ogi	11	0	
22. Miyakusu	9	4	
23. Kojimoto	3	0	

A motion was made by Mr. Hoshiga that: "The auditing of books up to the present time be made immediately, that if any infraction is discovered, the new Board of Directors cannot be held responsible". The motion was seconded by Mr. Ogi and passed unanimously.

A motion was also made by Mr. Hoshiga that: "The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday, April 27, 1945, is not to be published and distributed to the members until after Congress approval." The motion was seconded by Mr. Ishida and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Akamatsu that: "Congress thank the Congress representatives who worked so hard to accomplish our aim of ousting the old Board". The motion was seconded by Mr. Nakagiri and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nobuo Tabata, Acting Secretary
Cooperative Congress

MINUTES OF THE 44th CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

Held at Dining Hall 26, Friday, May 11, 1945 from 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: 42 Congress members were present. Due to the resignation of the Block 30 Congressmen, Messrs. Ikeda and Nakamura, Mr. Maeda, Block 30 Assembly chairman attended the meeting as observer.

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Sanford, Chief of Community Management, Mr. Runcorn, Cooperative Enterprises Field Advisor, Mr. Sekerak, Relocation Officer, and Mr. Honnami of the Credit Union.

Minutes of the previous meeting was read in Japanese and approved.

The Chairman introduced to the Congress, the new Board of Directors and members of the various Board committees. The Chairman also explained to the Congressmen the reasons for streamlining the committees from eleven to six. Mainly, this was to facilitate the work of the committees.

Mr. Runcorn then gave an interesting talk to the Congress. Some of the highlights were: 1) His relationship to the Topaz Coop, 2) The announcement that this Coop saved \$150,000 in its two years in business. Of this amount over \$85,000 has already been refunded to the people and there is more than \$60,000 in equity. His third part of the speech dealt in: a) educating the Coop members, b) liquidation, and c) Income Tax.

Concerning Part A, he had the following remarks to make; that the lack of educating the members and other patrons of the Coop was the basic fault and this tended to give a general lack of interest in the Coop. Also, the fact that the former Board members were employees as well created confusion between policy making and operation of business. Mr. Runcorn recommended the more frequent publication of the Coop financial status. For this purpose he urged the immediate formation of the Auditing and Education Committees.

As far as liquidation is concerned, he stated that this Coop was in the best position of any centers because he found the inventory here to be the lowest and preparation for liquidation was in the advanced stage. He suggested that refunds from October 1944 to March 1945 be paid immediately. One example of liquidation - that of Jerome with its three-men trusteeship - was described to the Congress.

Mr. Runcorn felt that taxes had to be paid on 1) lost stubs, 2) services where no stubs were issued and 3) unallocated reserve. Why the Coop had to pay income tax at this late date after being exempted for so long was explained by him in detail. The Internal Revenue office now claims that Topaz Coop is not a non-profit social benefit organization.

The Board recommended to the Congress the issuance of receipts to all services to avoid the necessity of paying tax hereafter. The recommendation was passed unanimously.

The Board recommended to the Congress that the Coop send two representatives to Salt Lake City to confer with the Internal Revenue officer regarding this matter of income tax. Dr. Ochikubo and Mr. Ishizaki were mentioned and \$50 were set up for expense. The recommendation was passed unanimously.

Regarding Cash Service, it was pointed out to the Congress that it was not necessary to have two banking services here. Also that if Cash Service is to be discontinued, then the loans should be paid back as soon as possible to the members. Both were approved but the first point must still be discussed with the Directors of the Credit Union.

Mr. Ishizaki gave a financial condition as of when the new Board took over the business. He also recommended the change of auditor which meant a saving in expense. Cashing of government checks will be handled gratis by the Credit Union.

The auditor and Mr. Runcorn both recommended that the Coop should not handle Cash Service hereafter. This also applies to Coop banking. The Chairman explained that the Board was in accord with this move.

Mr. Honnami of the Credit Union then explained the position of the Credit Union, its history and its stability as well as security. He further stated that the money deposited with the Credit Union was safe and loans are made only under the following conditions: 1) Credit Union can only buy government bonds and securities, 2) loans made only to other Credit Unions, 3) loans made to Credit Union members of not more than \$100, and who must have two guarantors who must have more than the borrowing amount in the Credit Union. The Board of Directors of the Credit Union consists of seven men.

The Board then recommended to the Congress that Cash Service be discontinued and said Cash Service turned over to the Credit Union. The recommendation was passed unanimously.

Mr. Fujii of Block 13 questioned the Board if they approved the issuance of bonus checks to resigning workers. The Chair explained that the Board became aware of the fact only after they took over the Directorship. At that time, some checks were issued by the old Board and already cashed. Several others are still held pending further disposition. The new Board emphatically did not approve such issuance of bonuses.

Mr. Dowke of Block 36 questioned if any of the new Board members had Blocked Accounts. He stated that those with Blocked accounts are considered Blocked Nationals and therefore ineligible to hold office as Board members. This question was referred back to Block 36 with the recommendation that that Block investigate the matter further.

Mr. Ishizaki recommended the change of auditors. He explained that the former auditor was a Coop specialist. The high cost of the present auditor was also brought out. A motion was made by Mr. Ishizaki that: "The Coop change auditors from the present private Salt Lake concern to Mr. Jones who formerly audited the Coop books." The motion was seconded by Mr. Fujii and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nobuo Tabata, Secretary
Cooperative Congress

JOINT MEETING WITH THE CREDIT UNION AND MR. MAX THOMAS OF NEPHI

Thursday, May 24, 1945 from 4:00 p.m.

Those present were as follows:

Coop Board of Directors - Messrs. Nakabayashi, Hoshiga,
Tabata and Dr. Ochikubo.
Credit Union Board of Directors - Messrs. Homami,
Sugiyama and Watanabe.
Coop General Manager - Mr. Nozaka.
Nephi Bank - Mr. Thomas.

The Coop members were primarily present to act as liaison between the Credit Union members and Mr. Thomas.

Credit Union requested to change their name of Service Club of Topaz to New Topaz Cash Service. A suggestion was made that the old forms formerly used by the Coop Cash Service be utilized. However, Mr. Thomas promised to make entirely new forms so that there would be no errors.

Consequently, Mr. Thomas will print 5,000 new forms at the Bank's expense and the Credit Union will formally adopt the name: Service Club of Topaz.

Shipment and deposits of money and other matters pertaining to banking facilities were discussed at some length by the members of the Credit Union and Mr. Thomas.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Nobuo Tabata

Nobuo Tabata, Secretary
Coop Board of Directors

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

Held at Dining Hall 26, Monday, May 28, 1945 from 8:00 p.m.

New Congressmen were introduced, namely: Mr. Tokuyemon Koga Block 38, and Mr. Kenkichi Nakajima Block 34.

Also present at the meeting was Mr. Lewis P. Jones, the new auditor.

The minutes of the regular 44th Congress meeting held on May 11, 1945, was read in Japanese and approved.

The minutes of the two special Congress meetings held on April 16th and 20th were read in Japanese and approved.

COMMUNICATION - Incoming.

- 1) A letter of resignation to the Board of Directors was received from Mr. Koshiro Nakabayashi. He stated that the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco notified him that he is a Blocked National and therefore could not hold a position as member of the Coop Board of Directors.

Mr. Jones was then introduced to the Congress and he gave a detailed report regarding the income tax situation as it concerned the Topaz Coop. A question-and-answer period followed his talk.

The following three Congressmen were unanimously elected to serve on the Auditing Committee:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Second</u>
1) Kenkichi Nakajima	K. Fujii	S. Nozaka
2) Yoshinori Murata	N. Tabata	T. Sakurai
3) Koshiro Nakabayashi	S. Nakamura	S. Nakatani

Since no other names were submitted, the nomination was closed and seconded by Messrs. H. Kaneko and T. Miyata, respectively.

The Chair gave a comprehensive report of the expense incurred on a trip taken to Salt Lake City to confer with the Internal Revenue agent. The expense sheet included that of Mr. Matsumoto's expense as far as Salt Lake City. The total amounted to \$30.95 for the committee.

The Chair explained that the so-called "bonus" given to employees amounted to \$2,311.75 to date. There are about 50 workers who have worked for the period of over one year and a half. If all workers who have not as yet received remuneration in the past were to be given compensation at this time, we would have to give nearly \$2,000 to 115 employees. This item will be entered under "wages" and will not be charged to "miscellaneous expense" as heretofore.

A motion was made by Mr. Nakatani that: "The Coop will compensate all employees for faithful services rendered but that no further compensation of any means will be paid in the future. However, overtime pay will be continued". The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaneko and was passed unanimously.

These compensations will be paid as soon as feasible.

The Chairman related the following Board policies to the Congressmen, that:

- 1) No Board member to be a paid employee of the Coop.
- 2) Committee reports to be resumed at the earliest possible time.
- 3) Rebate stubs will be issued for all services.
- 4) Cash Service discontinued.
- 5) Fish Market and Shoe Repair Department to be incorporated under the Service Department.
- 6) Breakdown of Miscellaneous Expense above \$50.
- 7) Lewis P. Jones to be the new Coop auditor.
- 8) January, February and March 1945, rebates to be issued as soon as possible. The amount for rebate is \$12,668.77.

Mr. Nakabayashi representing the Student Aid Fund asked that some portion of the fund derived from Unclaimed Rebates be allocated to this worthy cause. It was claimed that the Unclaimed Rebates aggregates to about \$3,000 a month.

The Chairman stated that appropriate containers will be placed in certain strategic places upon the initiative of any organization, where the Coop patrons can place any rebate stubs they want to donate in them. These containers will have the names of all organizations which would want to share this fund.

Mr. Fukawa brought back the question of giving a hearing to Mr. Yamate as promised by the Congress. A motion was made by Mr. Fukawa that: "Congress accord Mr. Yamate an opportunity to attend the next regular Congress meeting so that he may adequately explain statements made in his pamphlets which were distributed among the residents several weeks ago". The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoshiga. A vote was taken and it was passed. Yes - 31 and No - 4.

The next regular Congressional meeting will be held on June 5, 1945.

Mr. Miyata, Personnel Manager, requested that the Congressmen make special effort to find workers for the Coop.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Nobuo Tabata

Nobuo Tabata, Secretary
Cooperative Congress