

Reports from the Regions

Metropolitan and South

Joint Convenors:

MR. W. J. PHILPOTT, B.SC.(ECON.), M.B.I.M.,
Head of the Department of Management and Merchandising,
College for the Distributive Trades.

MR. JOHN WALKER,
Food Trades Officer,

Luton Industrial Co-operative Society.

The Southern Branch continues to meet quarterly and maintains a reasonable level of activity. We are grateful for the continued goodwill of the College for the Distributive Trades, in whose Boardroom the Branch meets.

The Branch has given consideration to the Value Added Tax and a paper on this subject was admirably presented by Mr. N. R. C. MacKenzie, Senior Lecturer in Accounting at the College for the Distributive Trades. A paper on Selective Employment Tax has been prepared and will be further discussed at the June meeting, after which it is hoped to publish the document.

Midland

Joint Convenors:

MR. M. GIBSON,
Department of Economics,
University of Leicester.

MR. LLOYD A. HARRISON, C.S.D.,
Chief Executive Officer,
Greater Nottingham Co-operative Society.

A meeting was arranged in Nottingham on 19th June when Mr. J. R. Hammond, Co-Editor of the Society's "Bulletin", addressed the branch on suggestions for future activities with particular reference to the guidelines for action discussed at the national A.G.M.

Northern

Joint Convenors:

DR. J. STEVENSON, PH.D., IUR.D., B.A.(HONS.),
Principal, Monkwearmouth College of Further Education.

MR. P. HARTY, snr.,
Education Officer, North Eastern Co-operative Society,
Newcastle Division.

The Northern Branch held a meeting on Tuesday, 11th May 1971, when the topic under discussion was the experiment in joint collaboration which is taking place between the Co-operative Union and the Workers' Educational Association. The subject was introduced and explained by Clive Kent, B.Sc., Tutor Organiser of the W.E.A., Northern District, and this provoked a lively and interesting discussion.

It was agreed to convene the next meeting within the premises of the Newcastle College of Further Education, and Dr. J. Stevenson, Principal of Monkwearmouth College of Further Education kindly agreed to arrange, with members of his staff, a topic of discussion.

Yorkshire and Humberside

Joint Convenors:

MR. T. E. STEPHENSON, B.A. (DUNELM)

Department of Management Studies,
University of Leeds,

MR. S. P. CLARKE, C.S.D.,

Secretary and Chief Executive Officer,
West Yorkshire Co-operative Society.

The Regional Officers have arranged to meet on 11th June in order to draw up a programme of activities for the 1971-72 session. The intention is to identify a number of specific Co-operative problems on which discussion papers could be prepared and considered.

Scotland

Joint Convenors:

DR. T. F. CARBERY, M.SC.(ECON.), D.P.A.,

Senior Lecturer, Department of Commerce,
University of Strathclyde.

MR. G. R. GAY, J.P.,

President, St. Cuthbert's Co-operative Association.

The branch has held two meetings recently in collaboration with PACE. The first, on "The Scottish Economy", was addressed by Mr. G. Lawson, M.P. The second, held on June 11th, was concerned with the future of transport in Scotland with particular reference to the development of the Clyde area.

West

After a long period of inactivity the Western Branch held a meeting on 24th May and decided to invite Mr. G. I. Lewis of the Extra Mural Department of Swansea University to serve as a Joint Convenor. At the meeting the members discussed the programme of activity for the forthcoming session, and decided in particular to concentrate on the social and economic implications of the development of hyper-markets.