

Annual General Meeting and Conference

1st/2nd April, 1977

The Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held at the Co-operative College, Stanford Hall, from tea on Friday, 1st April to lunch on Saturday, 2nd April 1977.

The Programme will be:-

Friday, 1st April

4.15 p.m. Afternoon tea.

4.45 p.m. - First Conference Session:-

6.15 p.m. "Co-operatives and Trade Unions"

This will be led by:-

Mrs. D. Jeuda, Research Officer, USDAW;
and

Mr. A. S. Newens, Labour/Co-operative
M.P. for Harlow.

6.45 p.m. Dinner.

Saturday, 2nd April

8.15 a.m. Breakfast.

9.15 a.m. - Second Conference Session:-

10.45 a.m. "Co-operatives and Trade Unions" led by:-

Dr. T. F. Carbery, University of
Strathclyde.

11.15 a.m. - Annual General Meeting: including dis-

12.45 p.m. cussion of the Annual Report of the
National Officers for 1976-77.

1.00 p.m. Lunch.

Anyone wishing to join in should write quickly to the Secretary: the fee for the Conference, including board and accommodation, is £11 for members, £13 for others.

THE SOCIETY FOR CO-OPERATIVE STUDIES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2nd April, 1977 - 11.15 a.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Welcome and Introduction: The Chairman.
- 2 Annual Report of the National Officers
A copy is included in Bulletin Number 29.
- 3 Future Development of the Society
This is briefly reviewed in the Report of the National Officers.
- 4 Appointment of National Officers for 1977-78
The constitution provides for the Annual General Meeting to appoint:-
 - (a) Presidents
 - (b) Chairman and Two Vice-Chairmen
 - (c) Secretary and Treasurer.
- 5 Any Other Business.

The Society for Co-operative Studies

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

FOR 1976-77

- 1 Mr. M. Gibson has occupied the Chair and Mr. T. R. Edmondson and Professor J. A. Banks have served as Vice-Chairmen. The list of Presidents has been unchanged - though enhanced by the appointment of Mr. L. A. Harrison as CBE, an honour on which his colleagues have offered their warm congratulations.

Officers have had three meetings. The following is their report to the Annual General Meeting 1977.

2 National Meetings

The officers published in Bulletin 27 the report of the 1976 A.G.M. and Conference and are considering the value of a "mid term" conference, say, in the Autumn of the year.

3 Membership

At 31st January 1977 the membership of the Society (with the 1976 figures in brackets) was:-

	<u>Individuals</u>		<u>Organisations</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Co-op-</u> <u>erative</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Co-op-</u> <u>erative</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Metropolitan & Southern	12 (10)	3 (5)	12 (11)	- (-)	27 (26)
Midland	13 (11)	2 (5)	9 (10)	1 (1)	25 (27)
North	2 (1)	- (-)	1 (1)	1 (1)	4 (3)
North-West	17 (13)	5 (6)	7 (9)	- (1)	29 (29)
Scottish	10 (8)	9 (4)	2 (2)	- (1)	21 (15)
South-West	5 (6)	1 (1)	3 (2)	- (-)	9 (9)
Yorkshire & Humberside	7 (6)	3 (2)	8 (8)	- (1)	18 (17)
Overseas	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (1)
	<u>67 (56)</u>	<u>23 (23)</u>	<u>42 (43)</u>	<u>2 (5)</u>	<u>134 (127)</u>

The total has been well maintained but we regretted particularly the loss of the organisations from membership.

Appended is a list of the 1976-77 members and their general locations which may help communication among them.

4 The "Bulletin"

There have been, since the 1976 A.G.M. three Bulletins:-

Number 27: special feature - "Consumers' Co-operation in the Federal German Republic - The Latest Phase".

Number 28: special feature - "The Co-operative Movement and its Press".

Number 29: special feature - "Co-operatives and Trade Unions". This, of course, has served as a basis for the 1977 Conference.

1975-76 saw a marked development in the service from the Bulletin and this on the whole has been well maintained - even though it has not included a success in numbers to match the unique achievement of Number 25 on "A Single National Federation". If the scope and time-table of the report to Congress 1977 expected from the Special Committee are accommodating, the officers have in mind to invite the contributors to Bulletin 25 and perhaps some others, to return to the theme.

The treatment in each issue of a topic of Co-operative interest in some depth has been appreciated and the comparative independence of the Society has enabled it possibly to discuss delicate topics with a freedom that may not be so readily exercised in more official publications.

5 Research

Dr. C. B. Burns, of the University of Strathclyde, completed his research into Comparative Co-operative Law in Britain, France and Hungary - an area of interest suggested to the Education Department by the officers of the Society as suitable for a grant from the Co-operative College Endowment Fund. Dr. Burns' report is now being published as a Co-operative College Paper.

6 Regional Developments

There has been only very limited activity on the regional level.

The Chairman was glad to respond to an invitation from Bristol/Bath Region of Co-operative Retail Services Ltd. to talk to a meeting convened to attract both Co-operators and academics. The Scottish Co-operative Educational Association has allocated a grant of £120 to the Scottish Region of the Society to support appropriate activities and is in discussion with representatives of the Region on the most likely lines of action.

Regions, and Regional Secretaries in particular, have been asked to consider sponsoring at least one meeting based on each Bulletin with a suitable special feature. The list of topics in 1976/77 could sustain a very useful series of conferences.

7 Finance

- (a) The Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 31st December 1976 compared with the account for the previous year and checked by audit is as follows:-

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>1975</u> £	<u>1976</u> £
Cash in hand brought forward	2.05	2.94
Cash at Bank brought forward	467.25	369.03
Subscriptions	642.00	624.00
Fees - A.G.M. & Conference	461.50	711.00
Gifts (S.C.E.A.)		120.00
Sales - Society Bulletin	322.94	149.61
Bank Interest	3.12	3.97
	<u>£1898.86</u>	<u>£1980.55</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
A.G.M. & Conference	421.68	512.43
Refund of Subscriptions		2.00
Other Meetings - Fees and Expenses	108.27	60.59
Stationery	40.46	76
Travelling Expenses - re Bulletin		10.00
Article for Bulletin		50.00
Translation of Articles		20.00
Printing Society Bulletins	506.00	510.00
Telephone	1.71	2.01
Postage - Less Contra items	129.05	65.57
Advertisements	70.95	-
Typewriting	187.67	251.98
Clerical Work	19.71	-
Donations and Grants	40.00	-
Bank Commission	1.39	1.60
Cash in hand	2.94	1.03
Cash at Bank	369.03	492.58
	<u>£1898.86</u>	<u>£1980.55</u>

The financial position appears to the officers reasonably stable and satisfactory for the present level of activity.

(b) Subscriptions

These have remained at £2 for individuals and £10 for organisations since the inauguration of the Society in 1967. The National Officers are recommending that this be maintained for 1977/78 - in some acknowledgement of the general financial pressures on our members.

8 Role for the Future

Again the report is one of useful though limited initiative and achievement - and that mainly on the national level. We invite participants in the Conference to take up at the Annual General Meeting questions and positive suggestions for future development.

Finally, as members will already have noted, Mr. Marshall is retiring in the summer of 1977 as Chief Education Officer of the Union and Principal of the College and has submitted his resignation from the post of Secretary/Treasurer of the Society which he has occupied since its beginning in 1967. We record our thanks to him, our good wishes and our pleasure that he is willing to remain as Joint Editor of the Bulletin; and we shall be submitting to the A.G.M. our proposals on the posts he has held in the Society.

The Society for Co-operative Studies
Report of National Officers: 1976-77

APPENDIX: LIST OF MEMBERS

Metropolitan and Southern Region

Individuals

Mr. A. S. Balfour,
London.

Mr. J. Gallacher,
London.

Dr. J. W. Gilbert,
London.

Lord Jacques,*
Portsmouth.

Mr. D. C. Mumford,
Canterbury.

Mr. J. F. H. Roper,
London.

Mr. G. L. Watkins,
Farnborough.

Miss G. M. Winch, London.

Mr. P. Derrick,
London.

Mr. W. Gatherer,
London.

Mr. D. Hutton,
London.

Mr. R. J. Mitchell,
Wembley.

Mr. C. J. F. Ringrose,*
London.

Mr. D. Smyth,
Ashford.

Mrs. N. E. Willis,
Romford.

Organisations

Mr. W. E. Cooper,
Brighton Co-op. Society Ltd.

Mr. J. R. Bentley,
Co-operative Planning Ltd.,
London.

Mr. J. Macey,
Colchester and East Essex
Co-op. Society Ltd.

Mr. R. C. Harris,
Invicta Co-op. Society
Ltd., Dartford.

*National Officers are marked with an asterisk.

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Mr. T. R. Edmondson,*
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London Co-op. Society Ltd.

Mr. W. Griffin,
Milton Keynes Co-operative
Society Ltd.

Mr. W. A. Edwards,
Portsea Island Mutual
Co-op. Society Ltd.

Mr. R. E. Ashdown,
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Midland RegionIndividuals

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Mr. P. J. Bushell,
Birmingham.

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Stanford Hall.

Mr. M. A. Gibson,*
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Loughborough.

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Mr. J. W. Smith,
Nottingham.

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Mr. L. E. Burch,
Stanford Hall.

Mr. A. J. Corfield,
Birmingham.

Mr. T. Fynn,
Birmingham.

Mr. J. Harold,
Coventry.

Mr. D. A. Knibbs,
Kettering.

Mr. W. Shearer,
Stanford Hall.

Mr. E. E. Stephens,
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Society Ltd.

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Mr. J. H. Wright,
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Yorkshire Region, Co-op.
Retail Services Ltd.
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