

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,
Assistant General Manager,
Luton Industrial Co-operative Society.

The branch met in June when further consideration was given to a paper contributed by the Co-operative Party. It was agreed that a further discussion paper would be drawn up concerning some aspects of the Maud Commission Report on local government. Brief discussion was also held on a paper concerning training and education during the next decade.

At its next meeting the branch is proposing to give deeper consideration to the survey on Co-operative democracy sponsored by the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society.

Midland

Joint Convenors:

MR. C. S. NUTTALL, B.A.,
Staff Tutor in Economics, Department of Extra-Mural Studies,
University of Birmingham.

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

The branch met on 21st June when Mr. C. S. Nuttall of the University of Birmingham presented a paper on "The Co-operative Movement in Trade Members and Consumers".

It was decided to hold a one-day seminar on 22nd October, the speakers to be Mr. L. A. Harrison, Mr. E. P. Pritchard and Mr. C. S. Nuttall. The themes of the seminar are to be (a) problems of the Co-operative Movement; and (b) ways in which the Society for Co-operative Studies can assist in providing solutions for those problems.

North

A meeting is to be held during October in order to elect Officers and to discuss the future programme of the branch. It is hoped that resulting from this meeting there will be a renewal of Society activity within the region.

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,
Bradford Co-operative Society.

Dr. T. F. Carbery of the University of Strathclyde addressed the annual meeting of the branch on "The Control of a Co-operative Society". Forty-five members attended and a lively discussion ensued.

A further meeting is planned for the autumn in order to elect Officers for 1969-70, and to plan a programme of activities for the coming year.

North-West

Joint Convenors:

MR. J. F. ROPER, M.A.,
Faculty of Economic and Social Studies,
University of Manchester.

MR. F. BRUCKSHAW,
Editor,
Co-operative News.

No regional activity has taken place since the last issue of the BULLETIN but a further meeting is planned for the autumn.

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 is planning a propaganda meeting to be held in association with Edinburgh University. This will take the form of a one-day conference and it is hoped that a minimum of eighty will be in attendance from the Border, East of Scotland and Fife Districts.

Consideration is also being given to arranging a joint meeting with P.A.C.E. in Glasgow.

West

A further meeting was held on 2nd June 1969 when the appointment of two new Convenors was discussed. It was agreed that approaches be made to two Co-operative Officials in the Section to serve upon the Working Body and that the appointment of Convenors would be made at a more representative gathering. The main item centred upon a further examination of Co-operative Capital with particular reference to Investment Trends. The Secretary presented a document to the meeting and discussion ensued.