

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,
Nottingham Industrial Co-operative Society.

A meeting was held on 29th January when a lengthy discussion took place on the future role of the Co-operative Movement. The next meeting is to be devoted to an examination of the Movement in analytical terms.

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.

A successful one-day conference was held in October on "Problems of the Co-operative Movement and Suggested Means of Solution". Papers were presented by Mr. L. A. Harrison, Mr. C. S. Nuttall and Mr. E. P. Pritchard. The annual meeting of the branch was held on 21st February.

North

Joint Convenors:

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

MR. P. HARTY, SR.,
Education Secretary,
Newcastle Co-operative Society.

The December meeting of the branch was devoted to a discussion on future activities in the region. It was decided to hold a number of open meetings with invitations addressed to societies, trade unions and educational establishments. The next meeting is to discuss the question of recruitment policy in Co-operative societies.

Yorkshire and Humberside

Joint Convenors:

MR. T. E. STEPHENSON, B.A. (DUNELM) MR. S. P. CLARKE, C.S.D.,
Department of Management Studies, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer,
University of Leeds. Bradford Co-operative Society.

No regional activity has taken place since the last issue of the *Bulletin* but a meeting will be convened shortly to discuss future activities.

North-West

Joint Convenors:

MR. J. F. ROPER, M.A., MR. F. BRUCKSHAW,
Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, Editor,
University of Manchester. *Co-operative News*.

The November meeting was devoted to a discussion on democratic involvement in Co-operative societies. This was led by Mr. H. G. Clode, Development Officer of the Co-operative Union. At the meeting held on 30th January Miss D. Jukes, Research Officer of USDAW, presented a paper on "Industrial Relations in the Co-operative Movement".

Scotland

Joint Convenors:

DR. T. F. CARBERY, M.Sc.(ECON.), D.P.A., MR. G. R. GAY, J.P.,
Senior Lecturer, President,
Department of Commerce, St. Cuthbert's Co-operative Association.
University of Strathclyde.

An experimental one-day conference on "Urban Planning and its Impact on Retail Distribution", was held in December at Edinburgh University. Under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Gay the series of five lectures was introduced by Professor P. Johnson Marshall, Department of Urban Design and Regional Planning, Edinburgh University.

At the branch meeting held in December, Mr. M. Orpin, LL.B., introduced a discussion on the R.A.C.S. Education Department project, "Democratic Involvement in a Regional Society".

West

No regional activity has taken place since the last issue of *The Bulletin* but it is proposed to convene a meeting in the near future with a view to stimulating interest.