



Amalgamated - Mutual - Park Reservoir Co-ops



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Park Reservoir Stockholders Meet

ELECT DIRECTORS & HOUSE COMMITTEE- APPROVE LOG FOR R.A.I.

by MORRIS MANES, Secretary

On Friday evening, June 5, the spacious Auditorium at P.S. 95 was the scene of a very well-attended, informative and productive stockholders meeting of the Park Reservoir cooperators, presided over by President A. E. Kazan.

The minutes of the November stockholders' meeting and the report of the House Committee were rendered by Morris Manes, Secretary of the House Committee.

Both reports were approved with the exception of the two resolutions by the House Committee which would be acted on later in the evening.

A pleasant interlude then followed when Joseph Mazur, Vice-Chairman of the N. Y. Region of the American Veterans Committee (A.V.C.) presented the local A.V.C. Chapter with a beautiful plaque to be hung in the Park Reservoir office in recognition of the Van Cortlandt Chapter's original co-sponsorship of both the Mutual and Park Reservoir housing projects. Chapter President Dave Rattner accepted the plaque.

President Kazan's report dealt first with the problem confronting all co-ops, as well as City Schools, hospitals and housing projects, as a result of the recent 'victory' by Con-Edison to abolish conjunctional billing. The resultant increase in the cost of electric consumption, Mr. Kazan estimated, will be very substantial indeed. He recalled that when a similar threat was posed by Con-Edison in 1936, the Amalgamated had installed and operated its own electric plant at great savings to the 750 consumers. It was forced, however, to close it down in 1942 when the war made oil and labor practically unattainable. To install a modern electric plant today sufficient to serve the 1850 families in our 3 co-ops, even if legally permissible, would entail very large investments. While appeals are still pending, Mr. Kazan reported, and the actual execution of the decree may be delayed somewhat he advised the stockholders to be prepared for the increase and begin practicing a little economy in the use of electric current. This was later stressed again by Harold Ostroff in his Managers' Report.

On the more cheerful side, President Kazan told in glowing terms of half a dozen co-op housing projects in various stages of planning and construction involving nearly 20 thousand families and an outlay of \$275 million. He also announced that the Insurance Dep't. of Community Services, Inc. the business end of United Housing Foundation, is about

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PARK RESERVOIR STOCKHOLDERS MEET (Cont'd.)

to offer a fire insurance service to cooperators at a fraction of commercial rates presently in effect.

He ended his talk with an appeal to all cooperator-stockholders to take an active interest in their corporation and plan to safeguard its future stability by setting up in the near future a Reserve Fund similar to the Amalgamated and the projects on Grand Street.

Mr. Kazan's report was approved with ~~thunderous~~ applause.

After the nominations for Board and House Committee members the stockholders unanimously approved the first Resolution calling for the election by acclamation of the following to the Board of Directors:

Messrs. A.E. Kazan and Robert Szold to 3 year terms; Mrs. Bessie Blumberg and Mr. Harold Ostroff to 2 year terms, and Mr. Wm. J. Dillenberg who was designated by the Commissioner of Housing.

Before entertaining discussion of the second Resolution recommending the 10¢ tax for R.A.I. President Kazan called on Herman Liebman, director of community activities for R.A.I., to give an outline of the purpose and functions of Recreational Activities, Inc. After a brief discussion that followed the 10¢ per room per month rent increase was passed by a vote of 90 to 26. The Housing Commissioner must first approve the decision before it can be put into effect.

The following Tellers were appointed by President Kazan to supervise the balloting:

Eli Axelbank, Leon Carr, Jerome Eisenberg, Bruno Piscitello, Jerome Randell and Louis Saul.

As Manager-Treasurer of Park Reservoir, Mr. Harold Ostroff then analyzed in considerable and clarifying detail the first financial report of the corporation, copies of which had been distributed a week earlier. After many pertinent and earnest questions the report was unanimously approved.

The results of the balloting were announced as follows:

The 4 resident Directors elected were: Dave Rattner to a 3 year term, William Finger to a 2 year term, Leon Jaffe and Max Goldberg to 1 year terms.

The 5 newly elected members of the House Committee are:

Morris Manes, Morris Freedenberg, Seymour Cohen, Robert Belsky and Harmon Zapakin.

The holdovers on the House Committee are:

Dorothy Tepper, Mindy Brownstein, Bruno Piscitello and Eli Axelbank.

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Park Reservoir Celebrates 1st Anniversary

by ELI AXELBANK

Saturday, April 18, 1959, will be a memorable one in the annals of Park Reservoir. About 400 P. R. cooperators had gathered that evening at P. S. 95 to celebrate their first Anniversary. The air was filled with excitement and festivity. And rightly so. The first year of getting settled was finally completed. Life in our community should now be more enjoyable as time goes on.

The spirit of cooperation and a sense of pride were manifest from beginning to end. A subcommittee of the House Committee, Management staff and a number of volunteers planned and carried through the entire program much to the delight of all present. House Committee Chairman, Will Finger was a genial M. C. and introduced for short greetings Mr. Sol Shaviro of the Amalgamated, Mr. Mac Silverman of Mutual, Herman Liebman of the R. A. I. and Bernard Peterson of Bronx Consumers (Co-op Market). Manager of P. R. Harold Ostroff greeted the assembly and relayed warm congratulations from President A. E. Kazan who could not be present. Chairman Finger presented Messrs. Kazan and Ostroff with gifts on behalf of the community. All members of the House Committee were invited on the platform for 'a bow' and to witness the ceremonial cutting of the huge birthday cake which was wheeled on the stage, candles and all. It took 3 pairs of unsteady hands, belonging to Harold Ostroff, Rose Gottesman and Arnold Merritt, to do an effective slicing job to the good-natured banter and applause of the audience as they sang "Happy Birthday".

Before all this, and to set the real 'tone' of the evening, the assembly was treated to an excellent musical program by Park Reservoir's own violinist, Frank Lewis of Bldg. 2-10E, accompanied by the talented Pianist Basil Bradbury of Bldg. 3-8D, Martin Kolodny, banjoist, of Bldg. 3-5F and by Amalgamated's popular singer Elaine Kaye, who in addition to several solos also conducted a community sing.

The evening ended with refreshments in the gym and square dancing led by cooperator Joe Black.

This report can not end without a grateful tribute to the following volunteers for a wonderful job of planning and serving:

Mickey Axelbank, Mindy Brownstein, Lee Shlonsky, Leona Cohen, Mildred Clyne, Mrs. Morris Freedenberg, Martha Friedman, Kay Kimerling, Alice Kram, Shirley Rattner, Robert Levine and Dorothy Tepper.

A special bow to our neighbor from Mutual George Harkavy, owner of the Park Dale Bake Shop for contributing the magnificent cake and to Isidore Kupferman of Bl. 2-10C for his expert cutting and serving said cake in the gym.

A good time was certainly had by all and some were heard asking as they left the gym: "why can't we have it again?"

Why not - indeed?



OVERSIGHT:

Mr. Samuel Steinsaltz, Pres. of R.A.I. also addressed the gathering.
Editor.

Conjunctional Billing In Grave Jeopardy

by SOL SHAVIRO

Our Cooperatives, as well as hospitals, schools and public housing projects throughout the city were dealt a severe blow when the Public Service Commission ruled recently in favor of the request by Consolidated Edison Company to end conjunctional billing of electricity. As a result of this decision, the cost of electricity to Amalgamated Housing alone will rise a good deal more than \$20,000 per year. Park Reservoir will be proportionately affected. Mutual, which has only one meter, is not affected.

This ruling has raised a storm of protest. The State Attorney General, representing the Division of Housing and other organizations adversely affected by the ruling, announced that the decision will be appealed. United Housing Foundation has organized a protest meeting of co-op leaders to be held shortly.

Conjunctional billing is a system permitting adjacent buildings under one ownership to pay for electricity under one bill, thus taking advantage of the lower rates that result from high consumption.

As in most large developments, we do not receive electricity at one point. In our case, Consolidated Edison's lines enter our buildings at eight points and the current is measured by eight separate meters. Under the system existing until now, the kilowatt hour readings of each of the eight meters were added and we were billed on the grand total, which averaged at least 300,000 kilowatt hours monthly. We benefited by this bulk purchase since we have been paying only 1¢ per kilowatt for all KW hours over 100,000, and only .9¢ per KW hours for consumption over 250,000.

The ruling against conjunctional billing means that we will receive separate bills for the electricity consumed by each one of the eight meters. Since each separate bill is for a smaller amount of current, we can not take advantage of the low rate that comes with high consumption.

For example, building #11 generally consumes under 7000 KW's per month. We pay this bill as follows:

1st 10 KW hours	8¢ per KW hr.
Next 190 KW hours	5¢ " " "
" 500 " "	3.8¢ " " "
" 1300 " "	2.7¢ " " "
Balance " "	2¢ " " "

Obviously, under the new ruling we can never reach the 1¢ rate.

The consequences of the action of the Public Service Commission are extremely serious. It is too early, however, to reach conclusions as to what can or should be done. Alternatives are legal action and public pressure to reverse the ruling, submission to the ruling, rewiring all buildings through conduits permitting current to be received at one point through one meter and the construction of our own electric generating plant. All these alternatives can not be discussed here.

Perhaps the ultimate solution would be for us to build our own electric generating plant, if costs permit, and to resume submetering.

An immediate step, however, in the direction of economy is for us to stop the waste of electricity.

Camp Getting Set For Happy Summer

Although registration had dropped from last summer's all-time high of 440 to 410 this year, the Camp Committee will manage at the same basic fee of \$71.00 plus \$9.00 for milk and ice-cream, accident insurance and all trips. (Hitherto parents were asked to contribute toward additional 2 or 3 trips.)

Staff has again proved the single biggest problem since 95% of each summer's staff do not return, for one reason or another.

We are fortunate, however, to have secured the services of a highly qualified and well-recommended Director, Mr. Hilly Wisot, and several top personnel including, for the first time in our history, an athletic and swim instructor. Gert Levin will again conduct the very popular sewing project with the older girls' groups.

Supervisor Liebman is now busy preparing the physical plant and a number of fathers are assisting with necessary repairs and painting.

Mr. Sol Shaviro for Amalgamated and Mr. Harold Ostroff for Park Reservoir & Mutual have promised to assist wherever possible.

The R.A.I. Board has appropriated funds to construct a new toilet in the Arts & Crafts department, and had installed Venetian blinds in the two Park Reservoir community rooms.

The Nursery Division will have, this summer, the mature and experienced leadership of Bess Rauer (Director of the winter nursery) and a staff of licensed head teachers and qualified counselors.

Five buses, instead of three, have been engaged to transport the entire upper camp to Astoria Pool on one trip, instead of two.

Upper Camp hours have been advanced from 9:00 A. M. to 4:45, in order to get to the pool half an hour earlier. The Nursery children, too, will enjoy an earlier half hour (from 9 to 3:30 and 4:00) when they are rested and 'rarin' to go' early in the morning.

Meetings of upper and lower parents groups will be called shortly before camp opening to meet staff and discuss program.

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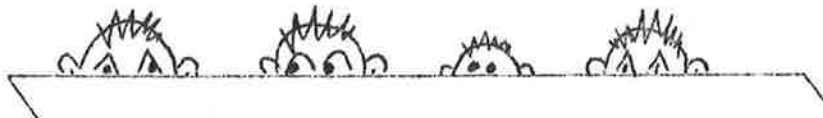
First Community Field Day A Huge Success

by BERNARD R. KAPLAN

The first Field Day of our three cooperatives sponsored by R.A.I. ran off smoothly under perfect weather conditions at the Van Cortlandt Park Stadium on Sunday, June 7th. Under the superb supervision of co-operator Al Scherer, Health Education Chairman at Samuel Gompers High School, over 125 participants entered track and field events as scores of parents cheered them on to victory.

Messrs. Abe Leal, Marty Blackman, George Greenberger, Seymour Solomon, and Olympic champion Henry Wittenberg were the official starters and field supervisors. Dorian Goldstein, Jack Rothman, Henry Osterlitz, Ralph Lyman, Henry Winokur, Louis Genin, Irving Siegel, Marty Schiff and Daniel Pollack served as track and field judges. Alan Scherer, Herman Liebman and Bernie Kaplan handed out the gold-plated 'Oscars' to first-place winners and beautiful green and white emblems designed by Herman Siegel, to the runner-ups. Charlie Weitzberg acted as official announcer, blaring out events, announcements, and winners over the P.A. system supplied by the U. S. Army, Fordham & Concourse Recruiting Station, with Sgt. Gerald Cunningham in charge. Throughout the entire program cooperator Paul Kocsis took color films of all major events which will be shown as soon as developed.

The events were carefully planned, allotting three track and field events to each age group. The largest percentage of entries came from the lower grades since high school students were busy preparing for regents examinations and junior high school boys were attending a boy scout jamboree. However, since so many pre-school children were present, special events were created for their age group, thus causing the greatest merriment and excitement among the judges and spectators. In one heat, the pre-school age boys decided that the finish line was the last step of the race---and the whole group ended up in a tie! The officials handing out awards had their worst moments as four little pair of eyes stared wistfully over the table and asked for



prizes even though they had not won. (Next year, we should have lollypop compensation prizes for all contestants!)

Many participants stood out as future Olympic prospects but Judy Scherer was outstanding by coming out first in the three events of her age group, grades 1 to 3. Barry Freedman won two trophies in the High School division. Michael Klosk won two trophies in the Jr. H.S. Div. Michael also made the only home run in the Fathers-Sons Softball game.

The following winners are listed according to age and event:

PRE-SCHOOL BOYS DASH:

1. Barry Siegel
2. Martin Wechsler
3. Paul Finger
4. Eddie Cohen

PRE-SCHOOL GIRLS DASH:

1. Hillary Postman
2. Diane Calculator
3. Nancy Simpson
4. Eileen Bell

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FIRST COMMUNITY FIELD DAY HUGE SUCCESS (Cont'd.)40 YARD DASH BOYS (1-3)

1. Michael Kimmerling
2. Larry Davis
3. Robert Blackman
4. Howard Leff

SACK-RACE BOYS (1-3)

1. Larry Davis
2. Burt Grossman
3. Martin Pollack
4. Bobby Bresnick

GIRL'S STAND'G BR'D JUMP (1-3)

1. Judy Scherer
2. Carol Cohen
3. Paula Lyman
4. Sharon Gluck

50 YARD DASH BOYS (4-6)

1. Richard Ganberg
2. Alfred Osterlitz
3. Bruce Stanton
4. Robert Ullman

STANDING BROAD JUMP BOYS (4-6)

1. Alfred Osterlitz
2. Richard Ganberg
3. Jeff Postman
4. Ira Spindler

STANDING BROAD JUMP GIRLS (4-6)

1. Renee Pollack
2. Naomi Kaplan
3. Carolyn Chamoy
4. Linda Rothman

60 YARD DASH BOYS (J.H.S.)

1. Michael Klosk
2. David Liebman
3. Bruce Englander
4. Stanley Cohen

POTATO RACE BOYS (J.H.S.)

1. Andrew Kimmerling
2. Marty Bresnick
3. Howard La Casa
4. William Altbaum

BASKETBALL THROW GIRLS (J.H.S.)

1. Beverly Davis
2. Ellen Mandelblatt
3. Eileen Lerner
4. Jerilyn Herman-Bonnie Leal

WHEEL-BARREL--MIXED (1-3)

1. Howard Leff-Judy Scherer
2. Rhona Rothman-Allen Pollack
3. Larry Davis-Michael Kimmerling
4. Robert Blackman-Martin Pollack

40 YARD DASH GIRLS (1-3)

1. Judy Scherer
2. Andrea Leal
3. Karen Calculator
4. Valerie Rosenthal

SACK-RACE GIRLS (1-3)

1. Karen Calculator
2. Andrea Leal
3. Paula Lyman
4. Kathy Gluck

3-LEGGED RACE BOYS (4-6)

1. Billy Garbus-David Stein
2. Alfred Osterlitz-Ira Spindler
3. Steven Chancas-Neal Hoffman
4. Bruce Stanton-Lance Wasserman

50 YARD DASH GIRLS (4-6)

1. Carolyn Chamoy
2. Renee Pollack
3. Linda Rothman
4. Fredda Blustein

3-LEGGED RACE GIRLS (4-6)

1. Linda Rothman-Arlene Anderson
2. Mady Kaufman-Renee Pollock
3. Jane Perlmutter-Carolyn Chamoy
4. Markon Perlmutter-Fredda Blustein

SOFTBALL ACCURACY THROW (J.H.S.)

1. Howard Feldman
2. Michael Klosk
3. Howard La Casa
4. William Altbaum

JUMP-SHOT MIXED (4-6)

1. Martin Semendorf
2. Carol Chamoy
3. Marion Perlmutter
4. Ira Spindler

80 YARD DASH BOYS (H.S.)

1. Nat Solomon
2. Martin Heilweil
3. Barry Freedman

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FIRST COMMUNITY FIELD DAY HUGE SUCCESS (Cont'd.)SOFTBALL ACCURACY THROW (H.S.)

1. Barry Friedman
2. Martin Heilweil
3. Nat Solomon


RUNNING BROAD JUMP (H.S.)

1. Barry Freedman
2. Nat Solomon
3. Martin Heilweil

RUNNING BROAD JUMP BOYS (J.H.S.)

1. Michael Klosk
2. David Liebman
3. Bruce Englander
4. Andy Kimmerling

POSTSCRIPT



The R.A.I. Board wishes to express its profound gratitude to the Field Day Committee headed by Al Scherer and the other parent volunteers enumerated by Board member Bernie Kaplan for their expert handling of the entire program, and to Director Liebman for initiating this event which will now become an annual community undertaking. A special salute is hereby extended to the Park Department and the U.S. Army for their splendid cooperation.

SAMUEL STEINSALTZ, Pres. R. A. I.

Amalaamated House Committee Highlights

Submitted by ABE OZER, Sec'y.

MEETING OF APRIL 2nd.

The service committee submitted a report on a Memorial for Jack Miller. The House Committee voted to install a suitable plaque in the auditorium containing the names of all deceased cooperators who had served on the House Committee or Board of Directors.

A motion was passed to rent the auditorium to the Dance Group (for regular dance classes) at an annual rental of \$450. which is to include porter service.

MEETING OF MAY 14th.

The Apartment Allocations Sub-Committee was requested to review the method of apartment allocations and to consider other methods.

The management reported on contract negotiations with the engineers union (boiler room men) and the elevator repair company.

Refrigerators, stoves and sinks are being installed at reduced cost to cooperators.



Oh, This Busy Month of June!

Nursery Graduation

On Thursday morning June 10, in our Vladeck Auditorium, 51 Nursery youngsters dressed in their Sunday best- with most of the boys' pants too long- 'graduated' Nursery School and received their ribbon-tied 'diplomas' from Nursery Chairman Florence King, herself a graduate of an earlier Amalgamated Nursery.

Before this climax in their graduation ceremony, the 51's sat in a semi-circle, on their own little chairs, with their teachers nearby, Mrs. Rothchild at the piano, director Bess Rauer facing them and making like Toscanini (olov-hasholem) and sang many songs in English and Yiddish (ours being part Workmen's Circle Nursery) interspersed with charming little dances.

The understandably receptive audience of mamas, papas, and a goodly number of grandmas were delighted with the proceedings and applauded every dance and song.

Director Liebman brought the greetings of R.A.I. and recalled the fact that the Nursery was the first activity organized 30 years ago, with a number of the grandmothers present as the then young mothers who did the organizing.

Mrs. King thanked the parents and the Executive Board for their co-operation, and presented the staff (Bess Rauer, Judy Linn, Sheila Cohen, Lillian Berman and Emily Liebman) with modest gifts as a token of appreciation for their devoted services.

Students' Dance Recital

On Friday evening, June 12, the P.S. 95 Auditorium was packed solid with families who came to witness the recital of some 140 dancing students with instructor Olga Prytula presiding.

Chairman Mildred Blitz greeted the audience and thanked her Executive Committee for keeping our Dance School operating smoothly and effectively.

Under Olga's gentle direction and running commentary, class after class presented different aspects of the modern dance, each appropriately costumed. The audience, young and old alike gave each group well earned and enthusiastic applause.

This was another warm and stimulating community experience.

W.C. Shule Graduation

On Saturday evening, June 13, in our Vladeck Auditorium another graduation took place before a 'full house' of parents and guests. After completing 5 years of study in the local W.C. Shule these 23 youngsters recited in Yiddish and sang a number of solos and choruses of well known Yiddish folk songs (accompanied by Channa Mlotek) before receiving their graduation pins. Israel Ostroff was designated for this

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honor as an organizer of the Shule 30 years ago, the father of a graduate some 20 years ago, Harold Ostroff, and the grandfather of a present graduate, Harold & Frieda's daughter, Madelon Ostroff.

Head teacher Mannie Klein and Shule chairman Harry Kupferstein were in charge of the proceedings. W. C. Education Director Z. Yefroikin was the guest speaker. Much community singing and copious refreshments followed the graduation exercises.

Other Graduates:

27 Boys and girls graduated Jr. H. S. 143 with 19 going to H. S. of Science (quite a record!) 4 to Music & Art and 4 to Clinton.

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Toli Genin, of 7A33, from Music & Art H. S.

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Evelyn Halpern, of 7D53, from Theo. Roosevelt H. S. Will enter Mt. Sinai School of Nursing.

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Fred Englander, of 13A, from H. S. of Science, will enter Cornell U. Engineering School.

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Daniel Mufson, of 92 Van Cortlandt Park So. from Clinton (in 3 yrs) entering Columbia U. School of Pharmacy.

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Martin Kaufman, of 92 Van Cortlandt Park So. from H.S. of Science (Arista) with a 4 yr. State scholarship to Columbia U.

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Howard Kaplan, of 7C from Yale Law School. On Christmas Day Howie was married to Helen Laufer of 74 V.C.Pk. So. a Phi Beta Kappa Hunter graduate (and pretty, too, Ed.)

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Martin Blackman of the Sol Blackman clan at 98 V.C.Pk. So. from Johns Hopkins U.

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Stan Harris, of 12C-EE from Carnegie Inst. of Technology.

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Arthur Cornfeld, of Mutual, (formerly the Amalg.) from Harvard Law School.

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Robert Cornfeld, his brother, from Tufts School of Orthodontia.

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Matthew Hertz, of 7C34, N. Y. U. College of Dentistry.

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Dozens more must have graduated assorted H. S.'s and Colleges without telling us.

To one and all: our congratulations and good wishes for successful careers.

Thank You, Collators + Staplers!

The monster job of collating and stapling the 21-page Mar.-Apr. issue of our "News" was done by the following volunteers: From our local Scout Troops Jack Fuchs, Arthur Krystal, Richard Rosenzweig, Gilbert Rosborne, Mack Lyman, Daniel Lapidus and Scott Cohen. Also Billy Schechter, Jerry Gershner, Bernard Jacobson, David Liebman and Peter Gilman. Also Mmes. Cecile Gladstone and Lillian Wechsler.

Cooperative Education

by DON MARTIN

Editor "Co-op Contact"

To many people cooperation and cooperatives are a strange paradox- because cooperatives appear to be so similar to any other kind of business, it is difficult to tell them apart. One of the tasks of education is to make the differences between cooperatives and other businesses apparent. For cooperatives are different and the differences should be fully exploited.

Cooperatives are different because they are enterprises which have different motivations and different methods of operations from ordinary businesses. Our purpose is much more than to provide cheaper housing, less expensive credit, cheaper milk, groceries or insurance. Our purpose goes, or should go, far beyond the economic benefits possible through people buying cooperatively. One of the tasks of cooperative education is to develop the understanding of what more there is to co-operation than lower prices and patronage refunds.

The cooperative movement did not start spontaneously 115 years ago in Rochdale, England. It had a long and slow development- it, like other movements, rose as protests, as alternatives to the dominating social and economic systems of the times. Working people joined labor unions, farmers joined farm organizations to fight for their rights; other people joined political parties with the hope that "the new order" could be accomplished politically; cooperatives were still another way by which consumers would fight injustices in the prevailing system.

The 'Hidden Revolution'

For many years we have used education to establish buying clubs to lower the cost of beans, bread, and beer. In the meantime we have lost much valuable time and ground. The big have been getting bigger- and competition is being concentrated in the hand of fewer and fewer corporations and fewer financial institutions.

Cooperative education must be considered in its proper context as must cooperatives and cooperation. We live in a time of a world-wide revolution. Simply defined this revolution is a demand by the people of the world for freedom and bread. It is encouraging to note that the people of India, Africa, and elsewhere are seeking these things through cooperation and cooperatives. There is still hope!

In our own country we are going through another kind of revolution, the hidden revolution. The basis for this revolution has been outlined in the sociological studies by Reisman in the "Lonely Crowd" and by White in the "Organization Man" and by others. Basically it is a revolt against conformity. A rebellion against a form of society where the people have lost their individuality and personality. They have become cogs in the industrial bigness by day, and are hypnotized by the magic of television by night.

Again, you are probably thinking what has this to do with cooperative education? Basically I think it is vital. For cooperation if it
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COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (Continued)

means anything, is part of the answer, to the overall situation in this country and the world today. For if it is worth anything, cooperation offers the people an opportunity to have a voice, a part, in shaping their own destiny. This is the reason it is vital to a democratic society. For unless we strengthen the few remaining avenues open for democratic participation what alternatives do the people have? In many parts of the world, where democracy has not worked, millions have turned to Communism, but here the weakening of democratic institutions brings us perilously close to fascism. I believe we are nearer than we think. That is the reason it is so important to give people the opportunity for ownership of their own facilities, control over their own resources, and a voice in determining economic and social questions which effect their lives.

As I see it the task of cooperative education is to establish the foundations for a new and better society. This, of course, in practical terms, means the building of strong cooperatives of all kinds. But fundamentally it means teaching people that they have the ability to control their own resources, to own and operate their own business, and to have a voice in economic and social questions which effect their lives.

It is not the purpose of this discussion to define precisely how a program of cooperative education is to be executed. Nevertheless, I venture two observations on how we might successfully bring about a better society in which the consumer through cooperatives will play a dominant role in this social-economic transformation.

Ultimate Objectives of Co-op Education.

First, we must demonstrate through successful business operations, of all kinds of co-operative enterprises, that these kinds of non-profit democratic institutions offer the consumer the best alternatives to the prevailing system. Obviously education, as well as astute management can bring about such successful enterprises.

Secondly, you will recall when justice Brandeis was asked what Americans needed most he answered, "The Webbs." What we need most to achieve a better society in the United States is something comparable to the British Fabian Society. The Fabian Society has been the unofficial educational department for the British Labor movement and the British co-operative movement. I believe, we have to educate those who play an important role in shaping public opinion, like educators, editors, ministers, etc. When we have convinced these people of the advantages of co-operatives we will have taken a big step toward furthering a favorable climate toward changing the prevailing system.

Two years before he died in 1918, Walter Rauschenbush said: "Can't we realize how short a time we have to do anything at all! War may break upon us at any moment, and our voices be drowned by the worldwide clash as nations spring to arms." A year later the United States was engulfed in the first World War. His prophetic words are much more apt today.

Admittedly the task of changing the system is not simple. But the job of cooperative education is to teach people that through cooperation they have the power to create a world of peace and abundance. This then, is the purpose of cooperative education.

*Mr. & Mrs. Webb were noted British economists and authorities on cooperation.

Highlights of R.A.I. Board Meetings

Submitted by ANN ROSENBLATT, Sec'y.

March 26, 1959

Local W.C. groups request R.A.I. co-sponsorship of a memorial meeting for the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising to be held in the Vladeck Auditorium on April 19.

Board approves with recommendations for R.A.I.'s sharing part of the program (Editor's note: The W.C. later changed their plans and held the Memorial at P.S. 95)

Since Morris Schechter, originally designated as Treasurer, was unable to serve for personal reasons, Israel Ostroff was unanimously elected to replace him as Treasurer of R.A.I.

Camp, Nursery and Dance School were requested to submit their next season's Budgets for R.A.I. approval.

Park Reservoir was admitted to membership of R.A.I. upon contribution of \$200.00 dues for the months of April and May. This automatically makes all members of the Park Reservoir House Committee stockholders of R.A.I.

Director Liebman reported as follows:

1. Bringing the Yiddish play "Parnusse" had to be postponed for the fall for technical and financial reasons.
2. The Teen-age Canteen closing after 22 Friday evening sessions, six Saturday morning bowling parties and a theatre party at Clinton.
3. 4 Tuesday evening lectures on Family Psychology by Dr. Hanna Kapit of Montefiore Hospital given in March proved successful and may be extended next season. The series was co-sponsored by the local H.I.P. unit.
4. Requests approval for a special Forum on Nuclear testing with Dr. Hugh Wolfe, noted Physicist and Pres. of Mid-Eastern Co-op Wholesale, as speaker.
5. Requests approval to plan another community show at Clinton for Jan. 16, 1960.
6. Children's Puppet Show scheduled for March 31 at 65¢ admission.
7. A series of weekly travelogs with color slides by Wm. Woolfson to begin Wed. Apr. 8th in the Solarium.
8. The special committee for the Community Field Day Sun. June 7 is meeting and planning all the details.
9. Boat sail to Bear Mountain June 16 also moving forward.
10. A group of women requested assistance in promoting a "Community

(Continued)

R.A.I. Board Meetings - Cont'd

Chest" to avoid too frequent door-to-door collections. Board referred group to the House Committee.

11. Requests emergency appropriations for the following capital improvements: (1) installation of an indoor toilet in the Canteen Room, (Bl. 1) which is used by the Men's Club, the teen-age club, and the Camp; (2) renovating the other toilet in the same area; (3) Venetian blinds in the two community rooms at Park Reservoir used by Camp and for rental purposes; (4) 60 additional folding chairs for the busy Pioneer Clubroom and the Solarium; (5) A typewriter for the R.A.I. office.

12. Requests permission to call an educational conference or two early in the fall of all R.A.I. stockholders and leaders of R.A.I. sponsored groups to discuss recent reports on co-op education and community activities by Play Schools Ass'n and the City-Wide conference of 1957.

Liebman's report and requests approved.

April 28, 1959

Dance group present their Budget for next season based on same fee of \$30.00 for 30 lessons plus \$2.50 Initian Fee for first-time students. Budget approved.

Camp Comm. present their tentative Budget (final registration and hiring of staff not having been completed as of April 28) based on last year's fee of \$71.00 plus accident medical insurance, trips and milk and ice-cream amounting to another \$9.00, \$80.00 in all. Board approves tentative figure.

Nursery with a record registration of 82 children asks for a postponement in presenting its Budget since they have not completed staff hiring-including a new Director. Bess Rauer resigned to teach in a specialized school.

Question raised whether Mr. Woolfson had been legally elected to the Board since the corporation By-Laws provide that a majority of the Board (6 out of 10) must be recorded in favor. Another vote was taken and there being only 5 votes in favor, Mr. Woolfson's previous election was declared null and void.

Mr. Eli Ruden was then nominated but likewise failed to secure the necessary majority. The Board then voted not to fill the 11th vacancy at this time.

May 5, 1959

Agenda approved for quarterly R.A.I. stockholders' meeting May 26.

Liebman reports:

The cost of the Mar-Apr. issue of "Community News" was \$181.45 (no ads in this issue).

Forum Apr.24 on Nuclear policy attended by over 100 cooperators.
(Continued)

R. A. I. Board Meetings - Cont'd

Junior Canteen ends season with \$15.00 surplus.

Authorized Capital Expenditures:

- (a) For Field Day June 7 up to \$75.00 for trophies, emblems and sundry items plus \$50.00 for color film to record events, total \$125.00.
- (b) 60 folding chairs purchased for Pioneer Club and Solarium at the cost of \$324.00.
- (c) Two Park Reservoir community rooms equipped with 13 venetian blinds at the cost of \$118.00.
- (d) Purchased a rebuilt typewriter for the R. A. I. office at a cost of \$65.00.
- (e) Porter to keep Pioneer Club in good condition until end of season. Cost not to exceed \$35.00.

Board approves in substance, recommendations by Rooms Committee subject to discussion with Advisory Council representing all community groups. Motion passed that R. A. I. provide free porter service to renting groups except where rooms are used exclusively by the group (such as Nursery, Camp, Music School, Shule, Bldg. 9 Social Club, 7H Golden Age Club and Men's Club, meeting in Canteen).

A new Rooms Committee consisting of Nettie Stein, Morris Schechter, Bruno Piscitello and Shifra Forman was designated to continue the study and further recommendations affecting all community rooms. (Amalgamated, Mutual and Park Reservoir).



U.J.A. NETS \$24,000.

At the traditional get-together of all U.J.A. workers in the Pioneer Clubroom on June 10, Treasurer Dorian Goldstein announced that well over \$23,000 has already been collected in our three co-ops. A number of pledges and gifts are still due and canvassers are making the final round-ups this week-end to bring the campaign to a close.

The 50 cooperators assembled on June 10 expressed satisfaction with the response of our people to the U.J.A. appeals. All agreed that the Breakfast at Clinton was one of the most successful.

A highlight of the evening was a group of songs rendered by our talented young soprano, Joyce Corn accompanied by the equally accomplished pianist, Basil Bradbury of Park Reservoir.

Bon Voyage to a Champion

Cooperator Henry Wittenberg of 13A, who was so helpful at our first Field Day on June 7, is now touring Europe from June 17 to July 25 as coach of an American wrestling team sponsored by the A.A.U. with State Department approval as part of our cultural exchange program.

The team will visit and wrestle in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Tiflis, then in Warsaw, Sophia, Istanbul, Teheran, Paris and Dublin.

For the benefit of those who may not be up on athletic records, be it known that Henry has been Olympic wrestling champion, U. S. Champion for 8 years and Israeli champion from 1950 to '53.

Here's wishing him and his team a happy and victorious journey.

Summary of Actions by Park Res'r House Comm.

Submitted by ELI AXELBANK

March 10, 1959

1. Received a letter from a cooperator requesting certain repairs to her apartment. This was referred to Management for action.
2. A discussion was held concerning the traffic problem through Bldg. 2. Management was requested to investigate the placing of locks on the Cannon Pl. entrance or devise other means of preventing the excessive traffic through the building.
3. The Parking Space Sub-committee reported that the spaces for 1959-60 had been assigned for both parking lots. Non-space holders had been given first choice, while repeaters were selected from a hat. Decal stickers would be obtained designating parking space numbers.
4. Bike and carriage room changes in Bldgs. 2 and 3 were put into effect with noticed improvements in space availability and ease of movement. Mothers were requested to keep carriages in the carriage rooms and not bring them up in the elevators.
5. Management reported that applications for apartment changes were available in the office.
6. The Anniversary Committee reported that April 18, at P. S. 95 would be the date and location of the first anniversary party. About 400 cooperators were expected to attend.

April 14, 1959

1. Two cooperators appeared before the House Committee to register complaints against each other regarding what they considered excessive noise. Both were informed that, living in an apartment house, they must accept a certain amount of noise as part of everyday living. Promises were made to attempt a better understanding of the problem.
2. Park Reservoir was accepted into R.A.I. via the \$1.00 per month contributions and Bruno Piscitello was appointed the Park Reservoir representative to the R.A.I. Board of Directors. All members of the House Committee automatically become stockholders of R.A.I.
3. The interim financial report was thoroughly discussed.
4. The House Committee authorized the printing of tags to be placed on unlawfully parked cars on the parking lots. A waiting list was drawn up for next year's replacements and refills for cancellations.
5. All requests and complaints to the House Committee should be made in writing to assure better responses.

May 12, 1959

1. The date of June 5, 1959 was set for the next annual stockholder's meeting; June 2nd was set as the next House Committee meeting.
2. The construction report would be presented by Management after the summer. Recommendations and discussion would then be made and held regarding the unused building funds.
3. A letter to the Park Department was authorized concerning the building of a bicycle path around the Jerome Park Reservoir.

Israel To Overtake Time By Use Of Co-ops

BY WALLACE J. CAMPBELL

(Washington Representative of Co-op League, U.S.A.)

TEL AVIV(CNS)- There's an air of sustained excitement that envelops the cooperatives of Israel.

You sense it as the manager of a co-op dairy here tells you about the UNICEF building. You sense it as a mechanic on a cooperative farm tells you of the knee-action plow they invented.

You sense it as a housing co-op director shows you through an expandable apartment at sunset, and as you see the plans for Israel's first co-op supermarket.

Everywhere, responsibility drives people to build soundly and rapidly while there is yet time. Officials showed us a co-op store in a housing co-op and told us that 400 societies with 500,000 members now operate 1,200 stores in this tiny country. Their sales this year will total \$100 million.

The co-op wholesale, Hamashbir Hamerkazi, is the largest trading organization in Israel and serves one-third of the families.

A co-op dairy, Inuva, pioneered in bottled milk. Three years ago, a United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) study showed that bottling would eliminate many diseases that thrive where bulk milk is retailed. So UNICEF offered to lend the money to buy bottling equipment.

INUVA, which Israeli farmers own and use to market their milk, jumped at the chance. It pioneered in sanitary milk processing and inspired others. Today 98% of all milk sold in towns and cities is bottled.

The nation's housing co-op is building 5,000 units a year. It would build many more if more mortgage money were available. Officials found that many families, especially young ones, want more room and are willing to work hard to get it. So they're building apartments with two rooms unfinished. The people who move in get a kit of plans and instructions so they can finish the apartment themselves.

The co-op oil association, NOA, and Hamashbir Hamerkazi are

We Mourn Our Losses

NATHAN MILLER, 8C-7A, Apr. 25
 SOLOMON LASNER, 3845 Sedgw., May 3
 ANNIE ARTZT, 9D-51, May 4
 JACOB MONT, 3840 Cannon 5F, May 12
 REVA RUBENSTEIN, 7D-21, May 12
 SAMUEL BERSIN, Mutual 1C, May 18
 BENJAMIN IBERALL, AA-1, May 30
 MORRIS KATZ, Mutual 13E, June 7
 HANNAH DAVIS, V-1, June 9

Our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.

Family Circle

BORN:

A granddaughter, Nancy Lisa, to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Friedman of 9D-63 by daughter Zelda & Berney Raider.

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A daughter, Julia Beth, June 1, to Roz & Ira Newdow of Z-31.

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A grandson, David Eric, to the Grossmans of C-21, by daughter Marilyn & Isaac Siskind.

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A granddaughter, Stacy, to the Kuperbergs of 11C-2 via son Carl, and another granddaughter, Donna Marie, via daughter Sandra of Westchester.

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A grandson, Andrew James, to Mr. & Mrs. Sol Blackman of 14B by daughter Joan and Dick Barovick.

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A daughter, Elise Ann, March 23 to Mr. & Mrs. Irving Heckler of 3840 Cannon Pl. Paternal grandparents are the Hecklers of 14A.

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A daughter, Lorraine, May 23 to Morton & Rita Ross of 8A

Co-op Leaders Visit Here

Several top co-op leaders from abroad paid us a visit in April accompanied by Jerry Voorhis, Exec. Director of the Co-op League, U.S.A., Leslie Woodcock, a Director of Nationwide Insurance and Don Martin, Editor of "Co-op Contact". Shaviro and Liebman spent a pleasant hour with the distinguished guests discussing various aspects of our community and visiting some apartments and the Co-op Market.

Mr. Voorhis' acknowledgment follows:

Dear Herman and Sol:

"I want to thank you both for your contribution toward making the visit of our guests from the International Cooperative Alliance so worth while.

"They were deeply impressed by what they saw and heard concerning your housing cooperatives. In fact, they said that it was the best demonstration of cooperative housing they had ever seen any place.

BORN (cont'd)

A daughter, Robyn Meryl, on Apr. 29 to Mr. & Mrs. Leonard B. Richter of 3915 Orloff Ave. Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. A. Straussman of 8C.

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A daughter, Karyn Rona on June 6 to Mr. & Mrs. Philip Reiffe of Mutual 7A.

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A grandson, Owen, to Mr. & Mrs. Ph. Korabel of 12C-2B by daughter Lillian and Eli Gleiberman of Switz.

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A granddaughter, Amy Laurel, to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Stoler of 9D-12 by son, Dr. Walter & Mrs. Stoler of Minneapolis, Minn.

MARRIED

Matthew Hertz of 7C-34 on Mar. 22 to Cynthia Wasserman of the Bronx. Matthew has just received his DDS from N.Y.U. and will enter the Air Corps in Sept.

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Dear Editor:

Campaign literature dated May 19, 1959 relative to a slate to be voted for at the stockholders' meeting held Friday, May 22, 1959 had the name of "Harry Gottesman" listed as sponsor below the names of the candidates.

Harry Gottesman of Bldg. 8A-2G did not authorize the use of his name on that slate and is in no way connected with this group of sponsors.

May I suggest that in the future let all sponsors be identified by building and apartment.

(Signed) Harry Gottesman 8A-2G

Dear Friends:

I want to thank all of you for your kindness, consideration, and expression of good wishes. You cheered me up, and shortened my stay in Montefiore.

Now that I'm home, I'm grateful for your continued, true evidence of friendship.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Edna Mozlin, 130 Gale Pl.

Dear Editor:

With the approaching summer months, open windows and more people on the streets, a lot of noise is being generated.

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Mid-Eastern Co-op Meet

The co-op wholesale serving co-op food stores in N. Y., Conn., New Jersey and Penn. on May 1 & 2 held one of the most enthusiastic annual meetings in its history. Increased volume and larger surpluses reflected in the opening of a number of large co-op supermarkets as well as a generally firmer position throughout the existing co-ops. Delegate after delegate reported expansion and increased community appreciation of the way co-ops do business.

One of the most gratifying reports came from the Ridgewood, N.J. co-op, Art Sasaki, Manager, which employs a full-time education director and is presently doubling its facilities. This forward-looking co-op supermarket has just voted a \$1,000 scholarship to train future managers.

Several guest speakers highlighted various aspects of the movement and urged a more confident expansion program on all fronts.

Some criticized the lag of education as an indispensable partner in promoting cooperatives. The most challenging address on this subject was delivered by Dr. Robert Rennie, Vice-Pres. of Nationwide Insurance. Portions of his paper will be published in the next issue of our "News". H. L.

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