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Reports of People's
Cooperative Party

(1) Attitude Toward Formation of New Political Party

At the general meeting of Diet members of our paty, held on Mar 1, it Was decided that our party's attitude toward the proposed new political party which is to be formed in cooperation with the Democratic Party as well as members of the New Political Council should follow these principles:

a) The proposed new party should hold a perfect opposition stand.
b) The proposed new party should be organized on the basis of progressive strata of people, chiefly repr esenting the interest of farmers, middle and small sized enterprisers, working people and intellectual class.
c) The proposed new political party should insist on so-called middle-road policy, rejecting right and left extremists' policies.
d) The new political party should assume a new party name.

(2) Meeting of the Central Committee of our Party

The third Central Committee Meeting of our party was held at our party's headquarters at Akasaka, Minatoku, Tokyo, on March 20. at this meeting the proposal of organi zation of a new political party was unanimously approved reaffirming the stand of ourparty toward it which was decided at the general meeting of Diet-members of our party, on March 1.

(3) Negotiation Committee was Nominated

The members of the negotiating committee for the propo posed new party who represent our party were nominated as follows:

Mr.Ichitaro Ide, Mr.Kinsho Kono, Mr.Ichimatsu Ishida, Mr.Tomoaki Naito.

Problems of the new party is so far approved in relation to fundamental principles of policy between our party and the Democratic Party. But the most difficult problem is appears to be how to decide the new party name which is still now suspending.

Dec 26,1949

Government Section
GHQ,SCAP

Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Meeting of Dietmembers of Our Party

The meeting of Dietmembers of our party was held on December 23 at the Dietmembers' Club-house near the Diet-building. At this meeting it was decided following attitude of our party toward the proposed formation of the new political party advocated by the Opposition Faction of the Democratic Party:

(a) Proposed new party should be a genuine opposition party.
(2) The new party should be a people's political party based on cooperative principles instead of class consciousness.
(3) The new party should be organized through consolidation of various powers of the nation, that is, not through simple amalgamation of opposition parties.

In short, leaders of our party do not accept idea of a new party which shall be organized as the second Conservatives, but they insist the new party should be a progressive one and pursue so-called middle road policy.

(2) The New Political Council Continue to Exist.

At the meeting of the New Political Council held on December 24 it was reaffirmed that the Council should be continnue its activities though the Farmers' New Party has deserted from it to organize its own party; the Farmers' Cooperative Party. It was also reaffirmed that the members of the Kosei Club and two members of the former Farmers' New Party was to remain in the Council.

Dec.2,1949

Government Section,
GHQ,SCAP

Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Non-confidence Move Against Agriculture and Forestry Minister

At the plenary session of the House of Representatives on Nov 25, there was a motion of non-confidence proposed by the opposition parties against Agriculture and Forestry Minister Kotaro Mori. This motion was defeated by a minority vote, but on that occasion Mr.Yutaro Takeyama made approval speach of the motion representing the New Political Council.

(2) Interpellation of Our Party Against the 1948 Budget Adjustment Bill

Mr.Atsuo Hirakawa,member of our party,made an interpellation at the Budget Committee Meeting of the House of Representatives and Mr.Rokutaro Matsumoto at the plenary session of November 26, represeting the New Political Council on the basis of that the new program of Budget adjustment was formed for the benifit of industrial capital at the sacrifices of agriculture as well as petty traders and laboring class.

(3) Approval Speach By Mr.Sasamori

At the plenary session of the House of Representatives on Dec.1, Mr.Junzo Sasamori, representing the New Political Council, made an approval speach for the resolution for development UNESCO activities in this country.

Nov 18,1949

Government Section,
GHQ,SCAP.

Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Attitude of Our Party Towards Political Move

It was decided that our party should follow the middle road policy even if rumoured amalgamation of two factions of Democratic Party should be realized, at the meeting of our Diet-members held November 12. And it is also admitted, at that occasion, that many difficulties lie in the way of the proposed amalgamation of New Farmer's Party with us. So the New Political Council as a Diet negotiative body will continue its existence till a new political party would be organized.

(2) Interpellation of Our Diet-members.

Mr.Ichitaro Ide of our party interpellated against the Premier's administrative address on Nov. 11, and Mr.Rokutaro Matsumoto interpellated Financial Minister Ikeda for his financial address on Nov. 18.

(3) Withdrawal of Social Renovation Party.

Mr.Satake, chairman of the Social Renovation Party has formally expressed the intention of the withdrawal of his party from the New Political Council on account of the decision of the general meeting of the party. This move was accepted by the Council on Nov. 8.

Oct 20,1949

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Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1)Meeting of Diet members

A meeting of Diet members affiliated to the New Political Council inclusive People's Cooperative Party was held at the party's room in the Diet building on Oct 13. At this meeting the policy of the Council toward the 6th Extraordinary Diet session was decided as follows:

a) For readjustment of 1948-year budget: Increase of expenditure for public works inclusive calamity-rescue and productive reclamation of land as well as electric power generation; complete carrying out of the 6:3 educational system; increase of expenditure for unemployment measures,etc.

b)Ameliolation of taxation: To make lessening of the burden of tax for middle class people; to prevent minimization of agricultural property through rational taxation; lessening of commodity tax for those goods of popular consumption , but increasing of tax for high-class commodities;to oppose the Government proposed method of levying agricultural tax at once and all when the payment of price of delivery quota shall beemade: lessening of corporation tax for agricultural cooperative associations,etc.

(2) Meetingeof the Liaison Members of the Opposition Parties

A meeting of liaison Diet members of the Opposition parties Opposition Democrats , Social Democrats and New Political Council inclusive of People's Cooperative Party was held at the Social Democratic Party's room of the Upper House, on Oct.18. The objective of this meeting was to discuss about various bills to be presented to the coming extraordinary Diet by the Opposition Parties.

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GHQ,SCAP

Oct 5,1949

Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Chairman Miki Went On Stumping Tour.

Mr.Takeo Miki,chairman of our party, went on his stumping tours in Hokkaido district on Sep. 29. He will meet with local representatives as well as the chairman of the New Farmers' Party there. He is expected to be returnedto Tokyo on Oct. 6.

(2) Policy Negotiating Committee of the New Political Council Meet.

The meeting of members of policy negotiating committee of the New Political Cpuncil will meet at the lobby-chamber of the Council in the Diet building on Oct.11, to discuss about the policy to be pursued by the Council in the coming Extraordinary Diet Session.

(3) Move of the Minor Parties is Getting On.

Though on the surface of the political circles it is seemed there is no conspicuous movement among opposition parties , yet representatives of opposition minor parties, esp. People's Cooperative Party as well as opposition Democratic partyare often meeting individually with each other to discuss about the problems of present political political situation as well as for sounding the problem of the formation of a strong progressive party. Besides the move between two faction of the Democratic Party this minor parties' movement shall not be ignored as the problem of election of Upper House members is expected to be held early in the next year.

Sep 28,1945

GovernmentmSection,

GHQ,SCAP

Weekly Report
of
People's Coperative Party

(1) Reconfirmation of the Party's Decision.

At the Diet-members' meeting of the Social Renovation Party the member-party of the New Political Council, held on Sep 26,1949, there was decided that the party would not agree to a move for formation of a new political party composed of present member-parties of the Council except a large scale amalgamation of middle -road political parties could be realized;viz. a new party to be organized on the basis of amalgamation of the Opposition Democratic Party, Right wingers of the Social Democratic Party and all member-societies of the New Political Council inclusive of the People's Cooperative Party.

(2) Open-air Speech Meeting Scheduled.

The Propaganda Dept. of our partyis now contemplating to hold open-air speech meetings at varicus places in Tokyo; viz. at open places before railway stations such as Shibuya, Ikebukuro, Shinbashi, for about a week from Septmber 29 to October 5.

Sep 20,1949

Government Section,

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Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Meeting of the Representative Members of the Opposition Parties.

Representatives of the Opposition Parties met at the Lower House's Speaker's salon in the Diet building at 11a.m. on Sep. 19. The objective of this meeting was that to make coordination among the opposition parties about the Diet activities concerning the new budget rearrangement program which shall be presented to the new Diet session by the Government as well as other policies to be pursued. At that occasion it was also opined that the League of the Opposition Parties was to be resolved as the sole object of the League was to demand the earlier convocation of the new Diet session and open-air speeches and other campaign had been ended. Mr.I.Asanuma of t the Social Democrat spoke at this occasion that the new move adovocated by party-members for the prompt resignation of the Yoshida Cabinetwas the demand proposed only from within the party, so the Social Democratic Party will act as an opposit- ion party all the same as before and will cooperate with the Democrats as well as the New Political Council. All the membe rs who have presented themselves at the meeting have reaffirm ed that the three opposition parties would cooperate with each other in all Diet activities in the coming new Diet session.

Mr. Yutaro Takeyama, Secretary-General of our party presented himself at this meeting representing the member-par~~/ties~~ of the New Political Council.

(2) No New Move in Our Party.

Ther is no special move within our party though it is reporte that the amulgamation activities hasbeen launched between the Governmental and Opposition factions of the Democrats.

Sep.8,1949

Government Section,

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Weekly Report
of
Peoplw's Cooperative Party

(1) Demand For Early Convocation of the Diet.

The Movement of the Opposition Parties inclusive of our party will be launched for demand of early convocation of the Diet as the Government did not consent to our earlier request made on July 7th that the Diet should be called on Aug. 25 at latest for implementation of problems at the present difficult situation among the small-sized industrial enterprizes as well as traders and labor movement, according to the article 53 of the Japanese Constitution.

The mass meetings will be held at the Kyoritsu-kodo auditorium,Kanda, as well as open field public speaking meetings at open places of the Ueno,Shibuya, Shinbashi, Ikebukuro railway stations on Sep.12 afternoon. The speakers at the Kyoritsu-kodo are scheduled to be Mr.T.Katayama of the Social Democrats,Mr.G.Tomabechi of the Democratics of the opposition faction,and Mr.T.Miki of our party,etc.

(2) The New Rice Price Will BE Discussed.

Members of the policy committee of our party as well as member-parties of the New Political Council will meet to discuss about the new rice price onSep. 16 at the party's lobby of the Diet building.

Sep.1,1949

Government Section,

GHQ,SCAP.

Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Meeting of the Representatives of Opposition Parties

Representatives of opposition parties; viz. Social Democratic Party, Democratic Opposition Party,People's Cooperative Party Farmers' New Party met at the speaker's salon of the Lower House in the Diet building at 2 p.m.,Aug. 29. At this meeting it was decided to open active campaign for demanding of calling of the new Diet session at an earliest date, as the Government do not comply with the demand of opposition parties proposed early in this month for calling the Diet on 25th of this month. At this meeting they came to an understanding that following activities shall be done.

a) A round table conference of university proffessors as well as lawyers on the article 57 of the Constitution which stipulate the conditions of convening of the Diet.(date:Sep. 5)

b)To hold a Public hearing on the problem of labor , small and medium-sized enterprises, coal-mining etc.(date:Sep. 8)

c) To hold a Public meeting of the opposition parties in Tokyo. (date: Sep.11)

d) To hold a Public meeting in Osaka.(date:Sep.15)

And the meeting rejected the proposal of the Labor-Farmer Party which demand to open the movement for the overthrow of

the Yoshida Cabinet in cooperation with the Communists immediately while other opposition parties insist on an early convening of the Diet session.

(2) Meeting of Party's Policy Making Scheduled.

Members of Political Affairs Investigation Committee of our party as well as Other member-parties of the New Political Council shall meet on Sep.3 at the party's lobby in the Diet building. The objectives of this meeting is scheduled to deliberate upon problems of agriculture such as new rice price as well as agricultural tax.

July, 8,1949

Government Section,
GHQ, SCAP.

Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Meeting of Our Diet Members.

The Diet members of our party met at our headquarters in Akasaka-Shinmachi to discuss about the problem of national railways personnels cut and recent labor movement, on July 7. On that occasion opinion of the members came to an agreement that our party should respect all laws passed the Diet, but at the same time demand the Government to take most effective measures for discharged employees through establishment of public works or unemployment counter-measures as well as utilization of big amount of U.S. Aid-Japan Counterpart Fund. And on the other hand it was also decided that our party should side with healthy democratized labor unions, but reject strongly the red-dominated movement which admits radical violences.

(2) Chairman Miki Went Out On Stumping Tour.

Mr. Takeo Miki, Chairman of our party, Went out on his stumping tour in Aichi, Osaka, Hyogo, Tokushima districts, today morning. He is expected to return to Tokyo about 24th of this month.

July,1,1949

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Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Our Party Studies Revision of Taxation System

Our party is now , in cooperation with other member-parties of the New Political Council,considering about the revision of the taxation system, and it is expected to meet with representatives of other parties of the Council to work out our principle about this problem, on 2 July.

(2) Meeting of the Opposition Parties.

There was held a meeting of representatives of various opposition parties at Diet building to negotiate with upon the plan to propose a demand for calling an earlier extraordinary Diet in view of grave problems of labor unrest which shall be inevitably brought about upon whole-sale dismissal of Government employees as well as financial difficulties of agricultural and fishery industry and minor enterprises. Secretary-General Yutaro Takeyama of our party and Mr. Torata Nakamura presented themselves at the meeting and they presented the demand on calling Diet during July to the Government.

(3) Our pParty Do Not Coodinate With the Conservative Move

The move of Conservatives in the form of " progressive conservstives" has developed toward more constructive status through the Yoshida-Inukai talks yesterday. But our party will not cooperate with this movement as we still hold the stand a social democratic middle-road policy.

June 20,1949

Government Section,

GHQ, SCAP.

Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Conference with the Representatives of the Small Enterprisers

Diet members of our party and members of the Political Affairs Investigation Committee of our party had confered with the representatives of various organizations of medium and small sized enterprizers to hear from the latter about actual situation of their business under the present economic situation, at our headquarters on June 17. They unanimously expressed their difficult business situation under the pressure of heavy taxation as well as financial depression.

(2) Our Party Demanded to the Government for Early Opening of An Extraordinary Diet.

Our party has requested the Government for prompt opening of the extraordinary Diet with the object of catering for measures to rescue the small and medium sized enterprises as well as agriculture and fishery which are most heavily affected by the present economic circumstances, on June 17.

Above mentioned proposal to the Government reads as follows:

The Government should convene an extraordinary session of the Diet to rescue the small and medium sized enterprisers as well as farmers and fishermen from their current economic difficulties.

And we demand for making out promptly a concrete measure for surmounting over the present monetary dearth in those above mentioned economic circles through utilizing the fund of the Postal Savings Dept. of the Finance Ministry and the U.S. Aid-Japan Counterpart Fund. The wrtten demand of our party was handed over to the Premier Yoshida by Mr. I. Ide and Mr. I. Ishida, Diet members of our party, in the afternoon, June 17.

June 10,1949

Gvernment Section,

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Weekly Report
of
The People's Cooperative Party

(1) Meeting of the Diet members Affiliated to the New Political Council.

As the fifth Diet has closed its session on May 31 the New Politiaal Council, the negotiative body to which our party joined, held its meeting of the Diet-members of its affiliated party-members at the 13th lobby of the Diet building on June 1. On that occasion each members reported about his activities at the Diet committee to which he represented himself as a committee-member. It was also decided that the business office of the Council shall be opened during the recess of the Diet for the communication with Diet-members.

(2) No Move About Our Party.

Rumors about the amalgamation of the Liberal Democratic Party and the pro-governmental Democratic Party are now rampant in the political circles, but our party as well as member-parties of the New Political Council are holding indifferent attitude to the move thogh Mr. Inukai's talks on the future pattern of Japanese political set-up which suggests a two-party system the Progressive Conservatives on one hand and the Social Democratics on the other.

(3)

(3) Diet-members Went to Their Constituencies.

As the fifth Diet has finished its session all the Diet members of our party have gone to their respective constituencies to make stumping tours for reporting their activities in the last Diet to their constituents. And our office secretariates are now taking care of their business at the Headquaters, Akasaka-Shinmachi, Minatoku, Tokyo. There is no special move for organization of a new party through amalgamation of member-parties of the New Political Council.

May 26,1949

Gvernment Section
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Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Rules of New Political Council are Decided

At the meeting of the Dietmembers affiliated to the New Political Council held on May 20 it was decided and approved on the rules of the Council. The digest of it is as follows:

Objectives: To realize a real people's politics through rallying all political powers in rural districts as well as of laborers and petty enterprizers for establishing self-sufficiency of Japanes3 economy.

Executives: The Council has no special executives except the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Diet-members' meeting, but it is instituted the liaison committeemen elected from among member-partys who shall take charge of current problems in the Council and between member-parties.

Policies: A special policies investigation committee shall be organized to make out an accorded policy of the Council.

Office: The office of the Council shall be temporarily located in the lobby of the Diet building.

(2) Declared A Statement About the Free Fight at the Diet Floor

The New Political Council has issued a statement to accuse the Liberal Democrats and the Communists for their infamous fisticufs performed at the Diet floor on May 19. Mr. Hirakawa of the People's Cooperative Party representing the Council has proposed a move for punishment of alleged two Diet members of both parties who are deemed as responsible of the infamous deeds in the Diet building.

May 13,1949

Government Section

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Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) Our Party's Lobby Changed

Our party's lobby in the Diet building has been changed from no. 16 to no. 13 according to the decision at the meeting of the New Political Council on May 10 inst.

(2) First Meeting of the Diet members Affiliated to the New Political Council

The meeting of the Diet members affiliated to the New Political Council, the new negotiative body composed of members of People's Cooperative Party, New Farmers' Party Social Renovation Party and Kosei Club, was held at the new lobby in the Diet building. At that occasion they came to an agreement at following points;

1. The Council shall have no special executive officers, but only Chairman and Vice Chairman of Diet members' Meeting shall be elected.

2. Mr.S.Kinoshita of People's Cooperative Party was elected to the post of Chairman and Mr.Y.Iida of New Farmers' Party to Vice Chairman.

3.General policy of the Council to be expressed at the Diet floor shal, be decided at the meeting of the Council. Each party affiliated to the Council shall act in concert with eachnother as a shingle party as much as possible.

4. Problems concerning policies as well as Diet activities shall be previously consulted to each other throgh the committeemen's meeting composed of two members from each party affiliatee to the Council.

May 6,1949

Government Section
G H Q

Weekly Report of the
People's Cooperative Party

Meeting of the Central Committee of Our party

The meeting of the Central Committee of our party was held on Apr.29 at our headquarters office at Akasaka-Shin-machi, Tokyo. The meeting begun at 11a.m. and ended at 7 p.m. of the same day. Mr. Kyoji Funada presided the meeting and various reports were done as follows:

1. On general political situation,

Secretary-General Yutaro Takeyama

2. On international relations,

Chairman of Political Affairs Investigation Committee
Takizo Matsumoto

3.On our parties activities in the Diets,

Vice-Chairman of Political Affairs Investigation Committee,Ichitaro Ide and Hajime Miyoshi

4. On our party's affairs,

Diet member Ishimatsu Ishida

5. Adress to the meeting,

Chairman Takeo Miki

Agenda of this meeting were those of to decide emergency measures of our party; measures on the party's reconstruction; nomination of new officers of the party; decision of the party's declaration.

In his address to the meeting Chairman Takeo Miki revealed his opinion about necessity of formation of a"third power" in the present setup of the Diet. He stressed the

significance of the progressive ideology of cooperative democracy rejecting extreme leftists as well as ultra conservatives for stabilization of Japanese political situation. So-called the third party should be consisted of those elements from social democrats as well as from progressive faction of conservatives, he said. But there were not expressed any concrete information about the proposed amalgamation of minor parties.

As to the party's policies an importance was placed upon agricultural policy as well as small and medium-sized enterprises. Opinions were expressed from the representatives of prefectual chapters of our party about the necessity strengthening our party's influences in rural districts throgh active organization as well as intensification of activities of the agricultural cooperative associations.

As to the reconstruction of our party there were stressed for bringing about ample financial resorces for working of our party, and for that purpose there was proposed a project for the party fund collection campaign to public who favors our party's policy in general.

Apr 28,1949

Government Section
G H Q

Weekly Report
of
People's Cooperative Party

(1) A New Negotiatve Body Organized

Aftem the begining of the current session of the Diet there came a move to the front to organize into a negotiative body various minor parties exclusive Communists Party and Labor-Farmer Party with the object of conducting active parliamentary activities of minor parties. After many meetings of the representatives of these parties they came at last to an agreement upon following principles, at the meeting of the representatives held at the Diet building on April 26 after the end of the plenary session of the same day. The paticipants of this new body are People's Cooperative Party, Social Renovation Party, Kosei Club, Farmer's New Party. Representatives of our Party presented at this meeting were Mr.Hirakawa, Mr.Ide, Mr.Kikkawa, Mr.Imai.

1. To organize a Diet negotiative body.
2. Name of the body shall be tentatively called as New Political Council.
3. Managtment of the new body shall be conducted based on a council system.
4. Consistuent parties shall have one and the same lobby in the Diet building.

The new body is slated to start on Mayl, and total num-

ber of the Diet-members to be affiliated to the body is expe-
cted to be about thirty-three.

(2) Meeting of Diet-members of Our Party.

The meeting of Diet-members of our party was hekd on Apr 27 at our party's lobby in the Diet building. There was made a report about last mentionee new negotiative body at this meeting by Mr,Ide and Mr.Hirakawa who had presented themselves at the new body's organizing meeting. It was decided on that occasion that we should re-examine and deliberate with other consistuent parties about the name of the proposed negotiative body to change for more appropriate one in stead ofthe tentative name of so-called New Political Council, and at the same time problem of management of the new body was also discussed.

Apr. 21, 49

Government Section,

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative P
Party

(1) Meeting of Our Party's Central Committee Scheduled.

The meeting of the Central Committee of our party shall be held on April 29 and 30 at the headquarters office, Akasaka-Shinmachi, Tokyo. It is provided for about the party annual Convention shall be held regularly in Spring season according to the Party Rules, but this year the meeting of the Central Committee is scheduled to be held in place of the Party Convention. It is expected a sincere discussion and deliberation shall be done about the reconstruction program of our party which for the first time had assumed the position as an opposion party. And at the same time sub-committees shall be organized for deliberation on our party's new policies for agriculture-forestry, small and medium-sized industries, taxation, home administration and foreign relations, education and cultural policies. And chairman of each sub-committee shall be appointed from among Diet-members.

(2) Interpellation of Our Diet-member about the Budget Bill.

Mr. Ichitaro Ide, representing our party, interpellated about the new budget bill at the plenary session of the Diet, on Apr. 16. Our party approve the general principle to be followed for compiling the so-called ballanced consolidated budget, but

actual budget bill presented to the floor is by no means rational in this sense as expenses for agricultural and forestrial rehabilitation as well as the 6:3 new educational system are totally slashed or minimized. So our party voted against the proposed bill from the stand point of an opposition party.

(3) Demand for Budged Compiled for the 6:3 Educational System.

Our party proposed to the Government for compiling an expenses for the 6:3 educational system in the budget bill for 1949-50 fiscal year as it is necessary for democratic reorganization of the educational sytem which is a corner-stone for democratization of Japanese in general.

Return to DR. WILLIAMS

Mar.31,1949

Government Section
G H Q

Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

(1.) Our Party Deliberates The Bill of Agriculture-Forestory Bank Law

It is most urgently needed tc finance long term credid for the agricultural and forestry development works which is the fundamental condition for the rehabilitation of Japanese economy. So our party is now studying to make out a bill for a Agricutu-re-Forestry Development Bank which shall be proposed to the present Diet session. The proposed bank shallbe established with the Government fund, namely, the capital of it shall be financed from the Special Account For Foreign Trade. Our party asserts this plan because of a bulk of long-term credit which is keenly needed for agricultural reconstruction work would not be successfully financed through commercial banks or the Central Bank for Agricultural-Forestry alone.

(2) Meeting of the Central Executive Committee.

The meeting of the Central Executive Committee of our party shall be held at our party's headquarters on April 2. with the object of dicussing the measures for the Diet activities as well as orientation of our party's policy.

Mar. 24,1949

Government Section
G H Q

Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

(1) Presented A Demand on the Budget to the Premier

Our party held a meeting of Diet-members at the room of our party in the Diet building on March 23, 1949. Object of this meeting was to decide our party's attitude toward proposed budget for the 1949-50 fiscal year. According to the budget program revealed by the authorities on Mar 22 the Government subsidies paid against difference of prices of imported food are all slashed this time. So these amount are now compelled to be paid at the expense of people's direct economic burden instead of resorting to disbursement from the profits of the special account for foreign trade. Such measure shall become a big burden to farmwrs in general in the long run. So our party , represented by Secretary General Yutaro Takeyama and Diet-members Mr. Kyoji Funada and Mr. Tomoaki Naito, has presented a witten request named to the Premier to Chief Secretary of the cabinet Masuda asking for other proper measure to be taken about this problem on the same day.

(2) Our Attitude On the Budget Program.

At the above mentioned meeting our party admitted the proposed program of the budget revealed by the authorities and reported by the news in Tokyo as to its principal outlines is as very authentic in relation to the nine-point economic stabilization

But we are all watching closely with keen interest about how so-called " public promise" of the Democratic Liberal party could be realized in the program. Genefal attitude of our party toward the proposed budget program is such measures as revealed by the authorities is quite proper because they are unavoidable for rehabilitation of Japanese economy.

DR. WILLIAMS

Mar, 17. 1949.

Government Section,
G H Q

Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Meeting of Ex-Diet Members.

The meeting of ex-Diet members of our party has been held at our party's headquarters at Akasaka-Shinmachi, Todyo, on Mar. 11.p.m.1.

At this meeting each of ex-Diet members has reported about his failure in the last general election, and they came to an agreement that they would make their best for strengthening of our party's organization in districts. On that occasion Chair-men Takeo Mike has revealed his opinion about future orientation of our party. He said to the effect that our party should hold its independent status by all means and make every effect to con-solidate political powers in rural districts in the first place. The rumour of amalgamation of our party withthe opposition party section of the Democratic party is quite groundless. Our party is a progressive party in its nature, So as for my own opinion I should hold the principle to act as a progeesive opposition party and it is quite natural to ecoperate with the Seciacl Democratic Party, representing the interests of the labor, farmers and small enterprisers.

2. Our party Offered Request Against the Yoshida Cabinet.

At the recent meeting of the Polttical Affairs Investigation.

Committee of our party it was decided that our party should make effort in mapping out concrete and constructive bills of law instead of making struggles in the Diet about the policy, in this way our party, represented by Mr. Kono and Mr. Hirakawa Diet members, has presented a written request to Chief Secretary Masuda of the Yoshida Cabinet to demand for Establishment of a) Agriculture-Fishery Development Bank b) Bank for Middle and Small Sized Enterprizers c) an increase of appropriation for public work inclusive of expensses for land reclamation; agricultural land improvement; rehabilitation of calamity-stricken land; the 6:3 educational system, in thenew Budget.

2. Dr. Williams
1. Mr. Grieves

Feb. 21. 1948

Government Section

G.H.Q.

Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party's Attitude Toward the New Diet

Our party held its Diet members' meeting to negotiate for the attitude of our party toward the new Diet. It came to an agreement, on that occasion, that our party should hold the standpoint as a healthy opposition party and observe the present Government's policy how they could carry out the actual measures in compliance with the nine points economic stablization principles.

Our party decided to formulate actual measures after deliberating upon our party's present policy based on the present economic situation as well as the said nine point economic principles imposed upon Japan. As to the problem of amalgamation of minor parties, that is, our party's fusion with New Farmer's Party, Social Renovation Party has not yet come to an concrete conclusion. The movement of the so-called middle-road politicians are also ambiguous as the intra-party situation of the Democratic Party has not yet reached to a decisive situation to have influence on their movement. So it is expected their movement will come to the surface after the new session of the Diet is reopened.

2. Movements of Our Diet Members

Almost all of our Diet members have gone to their respective consituencies to secure their sphere of influence among local districts as well as to make stumping tours.

Chairman Miki is now at Tokushima, his native land to make stumping tours to inform present political situation and our party's attitude. On the other hand ex-Transportation Minister Okada's case on the election law violation is a big blow to our party indeed, but the real fact is contrary to the news information. So we believe that it will become clear soon about his innocence relating to this trouble.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Candidates of Our Party Elected Fourteen

In the general election of Jan. 23 fourteen of our official candidates were elected. In general we may say that our party has been heavily defeated at the present polls, and the cause of it might be the so-called middle-of-the road policy was not thoroughly accepted by the people owing to the active progress of right and left extremists' influences.

2. Declaration of Chairman Miki.

Chairman Miki of our party has revealed his opinion on the result of the recent general election at our party's head-office upon returning on Jan. 24, as follows:

Result of the general election has ended unexpected heavy defeat. We admit frankly the solemn fact of the election to reflect ourselves. Japanese political circles will become a severe political conflict as extreme rightist Democratic Liberals and extreme leftists Communists got unprecedented big victory in the election campaign. So it cannot be expected a stable political situation will be brought about by the present political set-up, and the time will soon come when the cooperative democracy

which our party advocates will keenly required by the nation. Our party will make every effort evermore to progress our party's cause not be discourage by the result of the recent election.

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People's Cooperative Party

Expection of Our Party for Coming Election

The final push is being made by our candidates in various constituencies as election day only two days off.

The leaders of our party have already gone to their own c constituencies after finishing their stumping trips to make last push in their election compaigns. The Political Affairs Investigation Committee of our party, which has hitherto delivered various information of political circles to each of candidates now stopped its information business and the Headquarters of election campaign of our party has also sent its last stirring messages by wire to all condidates of our party. The Headquarters of our party has hopeful expection in the coming poll as most of our official condidates especially ex Diet-men, has influencial grounds in their own respective constituencies and getting more influence in their later electioneering campaign.

According to our Headquarters' estimates it will be certain at least fourty-five new Diet members will be elected. Furthermore it is expected a few of minority members will come into our fold after the election.

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Weekly Report

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1. Stumping Tour of Leaders of Our Party.

Chairman Takeo Miki of our party has left Tokyo on Jan. 1 for stumping tours in the Tohoku Districts(Sendai, Fukushima, Akita) to asist pur official candidates in their election campaigns. He has returned to Tokyo early in the morning of Jan. 5. He is expected to go out for his second stumping tours in the Kinki and Chugoku Districts(Osaka, Kobe, Okayama, Fukuyama, Hiroshima, Mitajima) after making his electioneering addresses in the Tokyo District.

And our party's Regular Advisor Seiichi Okada also has left Tokyo on Jan.5 and wentto the Tohoku, Kanto Distri cts(Sendai, Shimodate, Kiriu, Narita) to make stumping toure. He will return to Tokyo on Jan.7,and then he is expected to leave Tokyo on Jan.8 another stumping in the Tokai, Chugoku, Shikoku districts (Shizuoka, Nagoya Maibara, Uno, Takamatsu, Tokushima). He will then came back to Tokyo about 14th of this month.

2. New Recognized Candidates of Our Party.

The first publication of the recognized candidates has amounted to fifty-nine. After that two official candidates has been newly acded, that is, one from the Aichi second constituency and another from the Toyama first constituency. So at present the number of the official candidates has reached to 61.

Weekly Report of Democratic Party

(For the week from Dec. 22 to 28,1948)

(a) On December 24th,1948, the Democratic Party released the name of 155 candidates for member of Lower House as the first group authorised by the Party itself.

(b) On December 27th, 1948, the Democratic Party again released the name of 19 candidates for member of Lower House as the second group authorized by the Party.

Incidentally, among candidates anounced in the first group authorization, Mr.Hitoshi Ashida of the second electoral district of Kyoto retired from the Party's authorization by his own will; and Mr. Shigetada Mitani of Tottori resigned himself from the candidancy.

The total of the aforementioned authorized candidates amounts to 167 persons.

Weekly Report of Democratic Party

(For the week from Dec.29,1948 to Jan.4, 1949)

(a) On December 29th, 1948, the Democratic Party released the name of 6 candidates for member of Lower House as the third group authorized by the Party.

(b) On December 30th, 1948, the Party released the name of 4 candidates for member of Lower House as the fourth group authorized by the Party.

(b) On January 2nd, 1949, the Party released the name of 8 candidates for member of Lower House as the fifth group authorized by the Party.

Incidentally, among the candidates of the first group authorization, Mr.Masao Yano of the first electoral district of Tochigi and Mr.Fusakuni Tajima of the first electoral district of Saitama resigned themselves from the candidancy.

The total of the aforementioned candidates amounts to 182 persons.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Recognized Candidate of Our Party Decided

The recognized candidates of our party who will run at the coming general election were decided at our party's committee for the election compaign held at our party's office in Akasaka-ku, on Dec. 25. Total number of the official candidates is fifty-nine including twenty-seven ex-Diet members. Two ex-Diet members Mr. Yoshimitsu Kawano of Miyagi Prefecture and Yoshishige Iida of Hokkaido have seceded from our party. But as for Hokkaido electorial district former members of the Japan Farmers Party and Hokkaido Chapter of our party amalgamated into a new provincial political party named New Farmers' Party. But this new district party is expected to unite with our party after the end of the general election as they have intention of consolidation of political powers in rural districts.

And Mr. Kinemon Matoba, ex-Diet member of Kagoshima Prefecture has formally telegraphed to our headoffice that he had decided to secede from our part, to affiliate to the Democratic Liberal Party on Dec. 29.

2. Slogans of Election Campaign of our Party

At our party's meeting of Dec 23 it was decided to

approve election campaign slogans numbering thirty-one to express concisely our party's policy. Among them, typical ones are as follows:

a) Reconstruct Japan by the hands of the pure political party!

b) Rehabilitate our fatherland on the basis of co-operation!

c) Consolicate all rural political powers to the People's Cooperative Party!

a) Educational budget at first!

3. Stumping tours of leaders of Our Party Scheduled.

Leaders of our party is scheduled to make their stumping tours in various local districts to assist election campaigns of official candidates. In these stumping activities Mr. Takeo Miki, Chairman, and Standing Advisers Mr. Seiichi Okada Mr. Kyoji Funada, Junze Kasanori are expected to take part.

4. Headquarters of Election Campaign of Our Party Established

The headquarters of election campaign of our party was been formally established at the party's office as follows

No 17, 3-chome, Akasaka-Shinmachi, Minato-ku, Tokyo.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Election Measurement Committee of Our Party

The meeting of the Election Measurement Committee of our party held at our party's room in the Diet building on Dec. 22.

Our party has been anxious and stressed on to investigate thoroughly the recent notorious scandals in political circles and ask for confidence of whole nation through dissolving the Diet. This attitude of our party has been kept unchanged up to this day. As the dissolution of the Diet is drawing near our party has reaffirmed our party's own stand, that we should go forwards for establishing a genuine democracy in Japan, rejecting left right extremists. Our party decided to combat against menace of communism. It was also decided at the Diet member meeting that we should go forwards to the coming election campaign up holding the party's policy to get real democratic Diet members elected.

2. On the Problem of So-called Consolidation of Political Powers in Rural Districts.

At the meeting of our Diet members' meeting held on Dec. 21 there were made reports on the consolidation of political powers in rural districts of various prefectures. This movement had been launched a few months

ago under the sponsorship of the League of Rural Yougmen(San Sei Ren) and our party, And this movement went on toomuch as in the case of Hokkaido where a new political party, named New Farmers' Party(Nomin Shinto) was organized. This movement has been also welcomed by some of Diet members of the Japan Farmers' Party, Social Renovation Party and Daiichi Giin Club of the Lower House. Those who support the movement are of opinion that immediate amalgamation of variuos minority parties into one big party would be unable as the disolution of the Diet is imminent, so it would be better to organize a league such as, a Council for Consolidation of Rural Political Powers before the election. But some of our Diet members are of opinion that our party should not become to functional political party as our party shuld represent of various strata to pursue cooperative democracy. So definit conclusion of this problem was yet reached at the meeting, but it is expected full agreement would be soon reached.

3 Our Party's Policy Shall Be Reinvestigated.

It is generally admitted that our party's policy has hitherto been squarely confronted with economic laissez-faire. Recent recommendations made by American Governmental authorities to our Government concerning economic stabilization of Japan in nine points as well as FEC's recommendation concerning development of Japanese agricultural organizations inclusive of cooperative associ-

ation were welcomed by all members of our party. and the Political Affairs Research Committee of our party has immediately took measures to re-investigate our party's policy in line with these directives.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party's Diet Members' Meeting

General meeting of our Diet members's meeting shall be held at party's room in the Diet building on Dec. 7. The object of the meeting is to deliberate upon tactics of our party on the occasion of general election as the dissolution of the Diet is looming in nearest future. Our stand of party shall be alway ys on middle-road policy though the present Yoshida government adovocates amalgamation of conservatives. And it is expected that pur party should call forth an united front of political p powers in rural districts, so it is scheduled to meet with repr resentatives of the Rural Youngmen's League as well as other agricultural organizations.

2. Interpellation to Premier Yoshida Scheduled

At the meeting of the Diet Steering Committee held on Dec. 6, it was decided that representatives of various Opposition parties should interperate to Premier Yoshida against his administrative address made on Dec.4. Our party decidad at its Diet members's meeting that Chairman Takeo Miki, representing our party, shall interpellate to Mr. Yoshida on that occasion.

3. OUr Partyas Nagano Prefectural Chapter Protested to Communists.

At the speech meeting hekd at Nakagome-machi in Nagano Prefecture on Nov. 21. Communist Teru Takakura made an address concerning SCAP sugar importation problems and he Condemned SCAP policy. The event called forth a sort of public criticism, and Mr. Takakure was detained by the Military Prefecutural authorities to investigate the case. In that occasion it was reported that a member of pur party chapter lodged an accusation against Mr. Takakura. And the Communists Party made a nation-wide propaganda to accuse our party for this case in its organ Akahata and other news papers. But their accusation squarely contrary to the real fact as the refered party member only delivered evidence and told to the Military authorities what he heard at the speech meeting when he was called to reply to the authorities investigation. Thus our party's Nagano Prefectural Chapter has protested against the Communist Party for their erroneous accusation to us. Mr. Ichitaro Ide, Diet member of our party, also has protested to Mr. Kyuichi Tokuda, Communist leader, against Communist's false information.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Attitude Toward the Yoshida Cabinet

Secretary-General Yutaro Takeyama of our party, representing our Diet members meeting, in accompanied with representatives of other opposition parties met with Premier Yoshida and demanded following conditions in case of quick dissolution of the Diet scheduled by his Cabinet should be held, at 4 p.m., on Nov. 25. This attitude of our part as well as other parties are considered as a coalition attack of opposition parties in some quarters, but our party's stand is ever constant since the formation of the present Government. And our assertion is always made from the so-called middle-road policy.

a) To deliberate simultaneously on the National Public Service Law revision bill and the supplementary budget bill.

b) To introduce the budget measures to the Diet immediately.

c) To avoid the calling of the Upper House in an emergency session to act on the budget bill.

2. Our Party's Amendment Move Against the [illegible] Revision Bill.

The Political Affairs Research Committee of our Party has deliberated and decided to propose an amendment move against the proposed NPSL revision bill, at its meeting on Nov 25. The decision has been transfered to the Diet meeting of our party and was approved. The digest of our amendment move is as follows:

a) Educational personnels should be excluded from the public servants provided in the NPSL.

b) To alleviate the penalty caluses provided in the NPSL revision bill to the extent of the present law.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party's Diet member's Approval Adress

Mr. Ishimatsu Ishida, representing our party, made an adress in favor of the resolution on request for delivery of an administrative adress of the Premier, at the plenary session of the Diet, on Nov. 15.

2. Our Party Proposed A Resolution On Relief Measures for Calamity Stricken Districts.

Our party has moved a resolution on proposal of revised budget for relief measures for calamity stricken districts, Nov. 16. On that occasion Mr. Tohitaro Ide, Diet member of our party has explained proposed object of the resolution, that is, he stressed the importance of the calamity and asked for prompt presentation of budget bill for the relief to the House.

3. New Party Movement of the Rural Youngmen's League and Our Party

There was a rally of representatives numbing about two hundred of various rural organizations, such as, the Rural Federation, the Rural Reconstruction League, agricultural cooperative associations, the

the Council for Agricultural Development under the sponsorship of the Rural Youngmen's League at the Nenryo Kaikan (Fuel Association' Bldg.) At this meeting they discussed about strengthening of political powers of rural population and they came to an agreement that agricultural people should rally their power on the basis of cooperative principl-and form the standpoint of anti-capitalism as well as anti-class struggle theory. Then our party has decided to assume an attitude in favor of this movement.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party's Attitude Toward the Diet

At our party's Diet members' meeting held on Nov. 9 they have decided to demand to the Diet for prompt implementation of following problems and at the same time thorough investigation of the notorious bribery scandals;

a) To propose promply the National Civil Service Law Revision Bill in line with the projected bill made out by the former administration. But we also demand for lightening of severe restriction as well as penalty provided in the proposed bill.

b) As to the wage level of the public workers we propose the 6308 yen as a legitimate standard in view of present livelihood index number, production index as well as prices index numbers.

c). We demand prompt disbursement of relief fund for calamity-stricken area for amount of at least 10,000 million yen. And we also request to the government for payment of agricultral calamity insurence money.

On Our Party's Diet members' Interpellation

At the ordinary session of the Diet on Nov. 10

Mr. Kinsho Kono, our party's Diet member, made interpellation against Prime Minister Yoshida for his not giving of administrative redress.

And it is also scheduled that Mr. Shinakichi Nomoto of our party shall interpellate to the Premier on the proposed bill of NCS Law revision at the to-day's session of the Diet.

3. On the Move of Resolution on Calamity Relief Measures,

At the Diet members' meeting of our party on Nov. 15 it was decided to propose to the National Diet a resolution concerning the demand for prompt implementation of measures on relief of calamity-stricken area.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. On Meeting of Officers of Political Affairs' Research Committee of Various Parties.

A meeting of officers of political affairs research committees of various political parties was held on Nov. 2. at 3:00 p.m. at the speaker's drowing room. The object of this meeting was to deliberate on the problem concerning the expenses of P A R Committee of each political party which should be compiled in the budget of the National Diet. But at this meeting it did not come to concrete agreement but was transferred to further deliberation in near future.

2. On Our P A R Committee's Policy Making.

It is scheduled that a meeting of the political affairs research committee to be held on Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. to re-investigate our party's policy on view of the present political situation and of opening of a new Diet session is near at hand.

3. Publication of Our Party's Organ "Kyoko"

Our party's monthly organ "Kyodo" (Cooperation) No.4 shall be published soon. The circulation of the present edition amounts to 7,000 copies. Chief articles of this edition are our party's activities in provincial districts as well as on principles of cooperation.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Nomination of The Election Measures Committee.

With the formation of the Yoshida Cabinet our party became an opposition party. And it is generally expected that the dissolution of the Diet shall be took place soon after important bills inclusive the National Public Service Law revision bill are passed the third session of the Diet. In view of this political situation our party decided at its Diet members' meeting held on Oct. 21, to nominate Mr. Seiichi Okada, former Transportation Minister, and Mr. Sakae Kinoshita, former Transportation Vice-Minister, to the post of Chirman and Vice-Chairman of the Election Measures Committee of our party.

2. On Nomination of Diet Committee Members.

As it was allocated to our party 36 posts of members of various Diet Committee in the third session of the Diet our party decided at its meeting on Oct. 21, to recommend our party members as Diet Committee members in compliance with members' own wishes to be appointed to any particular Diet Committee.

Oct. 15, 1948

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party Decided to Designate Chairman Miki to the Next Premiership

The Diet members of our party have decided to designate Chairman Takeo Miki of our party to the next premiership at the meeting held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 14. The reason of this decision was as follows:

Our party admitted the Democratic-Liberal party to take initiatives for settling present political situation on condition that they should organize a national coalition cabinet. And in addition to this condition our party asserted that if the Democratic-Liberals would not assume the stand of a national coalition government our party will take our own stand based on our party's faith. But the Democratic-Liberals replied against this demand of our party that they would consider our idea of a national coalition government if we would vote for Mr. Yoshida, president of the Democratic-Liberal party, to the Premiership. They said in this reply that they would not abandon their intention of organizing a long cherished conservatives coalition government they spoke this idea under the disguise of an idea of organizing a national salvation government. So our party decided to disapprove this reply of the Democratic-Liberals because

we could not find any trace of sincerity in it. As the movement for designation of Mr. Takeshi Yamazaki, Secretary-general of the Democratic-Liberal party, to the Premier-ship our party had no relations with it. So despite of an information on resignation of Mr. Yamazaki from Diet post was reported in the morning of the same day our party decided to hold wait and see policy, and then many of our Diet members revealed their opinion that it was high time to clarify " our standpoint based on our party's faith" which was declared in our latest demand to the Democratic-Liberals. So the meeting has came to an agreement to designate chairman Takeo Miki at the election of prime ministrial designation scheduled on Oct. 14. In connection with this party's decision some of our party members insisted on to make calls on other parties of the Diet for notification of our party's decision for designation of Chairman Miki to premier-candidate, but Mr. Miki himself revealed his opinion that this decision should be confined within our party as general national sentiment is being focused on the designation of President of the Democratic-Liberal party to the next premiership and at the same time we should remain opposition party to the so-called national salvation conservative coalition government.

2. Our Party members Voted Blank Ballots at the Election of Prime Ministrial Designation

Our party voted for Chairman Miki at the election of Prime Ministerial designation held late at night of Oct. 14. And at the final vote which was carried out to decide premier's designation for either Democratic-Liberal Yoshida or Social Democrat Katayama our party members all jointedly voted blank ballots.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Ashida's Guit and Attiutde of Our Party

Our party held its Diet member's meeting on Oct 2,6,7 in succession to discuss about our stand to take in the present ambiguous political situation which had been called forth by the Showa Denko (Showa Electric Industry) scandal. Our party has been , so far, doing its best efforts for establishing so-called middle-road politics for bringing about a real democratic setup in politics, rejecting ultra right and left political ideologies through cooperation among three government parties.

In view of grave nature of this scandal our party decided at its Diet members' meeting on Oct. 2 that they should hold their responsibilities for this disgraceful scandal to the nation as a whole. But the SCAP's letter on the National Civil Service Law Revision is very important matter so we decided to demand the government for their resignation as soon as all those important legislations including above mentioned NPSL amendment as well as setting up of a new wage standard and measures against recent flood calamities in the Tohoku districts are made out. In the mean while as the Showa Denko scandal has developed to a further grave situation the Ashida Cabinet has at last resigned. So our party held an emergency meeting of its Diet members on Oct. 7 to

deliberate upon our party's attitude toward the new government to be formed. At this meeting they came to an agreement that, at this important juncture, our party should demand for formation of (1) a pure and righteous government with no trace of any ambiguity and shadow: (2) a cabinet with wide range of flexibility and rejecting right and left extremist : (3) to make appropriate legislative measures in compliance with SCAP's Directives and to gain an international confidence, as Chairman Takeo Miki asserts. At this meeting there were also prevailing opinions that our party cannot join Yoshida headed conservatives combined cabinet.

Sept. 30, 1948

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Our Party

Our party held a meeting of the central executive committee at our party's room in the Diet building on Sept. 25. At this meeting Mr. Toshio Sato and one other person were nominated for members of the central executives. And at this occasion Chairman Takeo Miki asked the committee for approval of his recent political activities during the present recess of the National Diet. He had revealed his opinion as to the so-called middle-road political league was the most rational and stable stand for political parties under the present precarious situation of politics as well as economy in Japan. And he also opined his attitude toward dissolution of the Diet, that is, at present there was not only no inevitable reason of dissolution of the Diet but also such dissolution might bring about at least three months long vacum of politics to the detriment of rehabilitation of Japan. At this meeting it was also decided on the attitude of our party toward the amendment bill of National Civil Service Law as well as a new rice-price,

and it made out a general policy adapted to the present situation in Japan.

2. Special Committee For N C S Law of Our Party

Our party held a meeting of the Special Committee for N C S Law to decide our party's fundamental policy to the proposed amendment bill of N C S Law on Sept. 24. It was agreed upon following decistons, that is, (a) our party confirmed the facts in general that the labor movement of public employes went to far to extremes after the stoppage of the general strike in Feb, 1947 : (b) though we admit collective negotiations as well as petitions or appeals of unionists we can never approve so called collective bargainings backed by strikes or sabotages : (c) the necessity for institution for a special babor unions for employes of public corporations: (d) legal measures against deviation of labor union's movement to extremes : (e) improved treatment of Government employes: (f) a special treatment for teachers as they are differnt in nature from ordinary government officials :(g) placing the proposed Government Personnel Board under direct control of Premier with the object of not making the former an autocratic machinery.

3. Our Party's Stand To the New Rice-Price Setting

At the meeting of the central executive committee our party decided to demend to the Government that the so-called parity calculation for setting up of a new price of rice must be conducted in compliance with a rational readjustment of calculating method, and at the same time

our party approved and insisted on a new rice-price of 4,2000 yen per Koku which was advocated by the Congress for Agricultural Development sided with other agricultural organizations.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Three Government Party's Confab.

The three-party-chief-confab was held at the Minister's chamber in the Diet building on Sep. 14. The object of the meeting was to decide the date of convocation of the extraordinary session of the Diet. And at that occasion Chairman Katayama of the Socialist Party proposed the convocation of the Diet on Oct. 1 but President Ashida of the Democratic Party revealed the difficulty of early convocation because of the preparing of the National Civil Service Bill as well as other important bills are not yet completed. But at last it was agreed upon to convocate the Diet as early as possible aiming at October1.as its date of convocation in compliance with the suggestion of Chairman Takeo Miki of our party.

2. Convention of the Hokkaido Chapter of our Party

The Hokkaido Chapter of our party has telegraphed to us today that it has decided to hold the Convention of the Hokkaido Chapter on Sept. 26. It is expected most Central Executives of our party including Chairman Takeo Miki, State Ministers Seiichi Okada, Kyoji Tsuneda, Secretary-General Tutaro Kageyama , Diet members Sakae Hinoshita shall present themselves to that Convention.

Sept. 10. 1948

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Three Government Parties Confab Scheduled.

It is reported that the three-party-top-leader's confab shall be held on Sept. 14 to discuss the date of convocation as well as the duration of the extraordinary session of the National Diet.

2. Date of the Central Executive Committee Meeting Altered.

Date of the meeting of the Central Executive Committee of our party which we had reported in the last weekly information has been altered from Sept . 24 to Sept. 25.

So the date of the meeting of the committee of the National Civil Service Law was also naturally changed from Sept. 22 to Sept. 24. And following this meeting a general meeting of our Diet members is now scheduled to be held on Oct. 7 to pursue in the coming extraordinary session of the Diet.

3. Stumping Tour of Our Party's Executives.

It is scheduled that our party's all top-ranking officers shall make their stumping tours en bloc the Hokkaiso district. And it is also expected that the Convention of the Hokkaido Chamber of our party shall be held on that occasion. But the date and place of the proposed convention shall be decided after the concrete information about the plan is obtained from the Hokkaido Chapter.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Removal of Our Party's Headquarters Office to a New Seat.

As the new building of our party's headquarters under construction has been recently completed we have removed to the following new seat. No. 17, chome, Akasaka-Shimmachi, Minato-ku, Tokyo

But the No. 13 lobby of the Diet building shall be utilized as before as our party's room to look after our party's Diet activities as well as to have relations with members about Partliamentary actions.

2. Our Party's Central Executives Meeting shall be Called.

It is decided to convocate the meeting of the Central Executive Committee with the object of confering on party's policies against the coming third extraordinary session of the Diet at our party's room in the Diet building on Sep. 24.

3. Committee Meeting on the Proposed National Civil Service Law.

It is reported that the final bill of the National Civil Service Law has come to an agreement at the recent cabinet meeting. But our party decided to formulate a concrete proposal against to the bill from our party's

own standpoint, so a special committee meeting on the N C S Law is scheduled to be held on Sep. 23 at our party's room of the Diet building.

4. State Minister Funada's Speaking Travelling.

State Minister Kyoji Funada went on his stumping tour at the same time to inspect reparation factories and establishments in the Aichi districts towards the end of last month, and he came back Tokyo on Sep. 2.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Committee for National Public Service Law of Our Party called

Our party held a meeting of the Committee for National Public Service Law at our party's room in the Diet building on Aug. 16. Minister Okada and Funada, Secretary General Yutaro Takeyama, Vice-Chairman of Political Affairs Research Committee Ichitaro Ide and Councillors Suzuki and Miyoshi have presented at this meeting. Object of this meeting was to decide our party's policy against the proposed N P S Law revision. In view of the meaning of the SCAP's letter on the present labor union in this country as well as on public office workers' movement is very important and suggestive we decided at this occasion only our attitude toward the government proposed law revision. And it is expected to hold further two or three meetings to reach a conclusion about this problem.

Transportation Minister Seiichi Okada has revealed opinion, at the meeting, to the effect that there is rather opposite view among many unionists of The National

Railway Workers Union against the labor movement sponsored by radical minority elements.

Our party admit clearly the misconduct done by the labor movement so far. But as labor is very important factor for rehabili tation of our country the meeting reached to a conclusion that our party should pay attention to the position of public office workers within the limit of the SCAP'S letter permits, that is, we should respect the legitimate right of workers which was already acquired by them as well as their welfare,.

We, at the same tine expect to preserve for them a chance of appeal or negotiation through their collective organization. For this object, we deem it necessary to make clear the extent of official servants and to investigate their character of the proposed government Personnel Administrative Board. State Minister Funada also revealed his opinion about the proposed G.P.S law revision that the revision would not oppresse in the least any legitimate right of workers and it shouldbe necessary to propagate positively the real meaning of proposed revision which would have good effect on them.

2. Chairman Miki Left Hospital

Chairman Takeo Miki who has been in the Communication Hospital left the hospital and came back to his house on Aug. 15. He went on his stumping tour to the Saitama Prefecture on the following day, Aug. 16.

Aug. 5, 1943

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Weekly Report

Peoples Cooperative Party

1. Our Party's Diet Members Meeting Held

Our party held its Diet members' meeting on August 3 at its party's room of the Diet building. Objects of the meeting were to hear report from State Ministers Seiichi Okada and Kyoji Fundada, on their stumping tours as well as from Chairman Takeo Miki on the three-party top-leaders-confab and to nominate a committee on the National Public Service Law Revision, etc.

On this occation, Mr. Okada and Mr. Funada have stated that in provincial districts members of our party's chapters were all anxious about the stand of our party as informations about so-called centrict party appeared in various leading newspapers, and they were feeling an easiness about dissolution of our party in the name of a centrist party but in reality our party would be amalgamated to the Democratic Party. So our party, at this juncture, should clarify our stand-point as well as our independent position, andif there should be a general

election our party ought to go forward as the People's Cooperative Party in line with the policy of solidarity and expansion of our party power. Against this proposal Chairman Miki has revealed that our party's intention was to pursue the middle-of- the-road policy at this present political situation instead of establishing a centrist party. Namely our party insisted on formation of a league of various political parties which pursue the middle-of-the-road policy. And about this problem our party should have its own independency and initiative for this movement. About the three-party-leaders-confab talks were restricted only on the date and duration of the third extraordinary session of the Diet.to be held, Mr. Miki revealed.

At this meeting in expectation of a general election would be held, therewere nominated a special committee for general election with Secretary-General Yutaro Takeyama as its chairman and Communications Vice-Minister Sakae Kinoshita as its Vice-Chairmen.

2. Nomination of Special Committee for National Public Service Law

At the Diet members meeting of our party there was nominated a special committee for National Public Service Law with the object of defining our attitude about its proposed amendment. Mr. Ichitaro Ide, Vice-Chairman of the Political Affairs Investigation Committee was nominated as chairmand of this committee, and the first meeting of committee is scheduled to be held on Aug. 16 as the Cabinet Meeting about the proposed revised N P S law is expected to held in Aug 18.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Transportation Minister Okada Returned Home

Transportation Minister Seiichi Okada of our party has returned to Tokyo from his stumping tour as well as investigation trip on communication to the Chugoku and Shikoku districts on July 26.

Mr. Okada has been expected at first to make trips to the Kyushu district but this schedule has been changed and came back to Tokyo on account of recent movement in the political circles and urgent problems on the service amendment of the national civil law.

2. Summer School Sponsored by the Youth Dept of Our Party

It is decided to open a summer school on co-operation and politics from 20th to 22nd of August at Kimitsumura in Chiba Prefecture under the auspices of the Youth Dept of our Party. Attendants to the school are expected to be members of our Party Youth Dept in various districts. Lecturers are Mr. Katsura Miraki, Chief of Agricultural Association Section, Agriculture Forestry Ministry, Junjyuro Ishikawa and Juji Tobe, literary and social critics, etc.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Centrist Party Issues Are Not Yet Decided

Opinion on the so-called middle-road policy revealed by Chairman Takeo Miki of our party accompanied by Democratic President and Premier Ashida's plan on a centrist political party are so far reported only on the news press and there are not yet any definit response in the political circles. Our Chairman Miki is still in a hospital and Premier Ashida is at present on his sumping tour in the Chugoku districts. But a out-spoken demand for dissolution of the National Diet promptly after the convocation of the extraordinary session of the Diet made at his stumping tour in Miyagi Prefecture by Socialist Chairman Tetsu Katayama hac given somewhat severe shock in a certain quarters of political circles. However as it is reported that a three-party-chieves-confab is scheduled to held on July 26 a concrete perspective on parliamentary activities as well as new party issues are expected to obtain from this confab.

2. Movement of the Diet Members.

Chief officials of our party, Namely, Transportation Minister Seiichi Okada, State Minister Kyoji Funada,

Secretary-General Yutaro Takeyama, Former State Minister Junzo Sasamori are all went on their stumping tours as we have already reported in the last weekly report, and all of other Diet members have also gone to their respective electorate districts. So at present our party's activities in Tokyo are almost suspended. Such movement of Diet members are due to an expected general election which is looming to be held in September or October and they are all making effort to acquire influence in their respective constituency.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Almost all of the Diet members of our party have gone to their respective consistuency after the cessation of the Diet to make their report addresses on the Parliamentary activities to their electorates.

As we had already informed in the last weekly report while Transportation Minister Seiichi Okada and State Minister Kyoji Tunada are prepared to make stumping tours in Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu regions our Chairman Takeo Miki is expected to stay in Tokyo during the cessation of the Diet to administer and direct the political activities of our party.

2. Chairman Miki of Our Party is in Hospital

Chairman Miki of our party has had injured his health since his stumping tours in Miyagi Prefecture in May when a by-election compaign was held. And he has since then been in the Communication Hospital, Fujimicho, Tokyo. But his illness is't so serious to hinder him from having connection with the political circles and

giving adequate direction on the party's activities. And he is expected to leave the hospital soon.

3. Publication of Our Party's Monthly Periodical " The Cooperation, No. 2 "

The propagating monthly organ " The Cooperation, No. 2" has recently been published. It's circulation is amounted to 1,000 copies. Chief articles written in the present number of this journal are " on the big centrist political party" by Diet member Kazuhiko Matsubara and an autobiography by Transportation Minister Seiichi Okada as well as " on the problem of readjustment of the middle-sized industry in Japan " by State Minister Kyoji Funada.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Problem of Agricultural Credit Settled

At the Diet members' meeting of our party July 3, our party members unanimously agreed upon to demend the Government authorities for establishment of an emergency facilities for agricultural credit as the proposed foundation. of an agricultural development finance bank is come to a failure. In case the Government would not take up this problem seriously they would not approve the Government proposal for increase of capital of the Reconstruction Finance Bank which is being deliberated at the Diet Financial Committee, our Diet members opined. On this occasion Chief Cabinet Secretary Tmmabechi, Director of Economic Stabilization Board Kurusu presented themselves to our meeting to express their intention and promise for the execution of an emergency measures for agricultural credit and to ask for our recongnition.

They said that they would finance credit for agricultural purpose with an amount of 1.500,000,000 yen from the Postal Saving Deposit of the Finance Ministry, and they also pledged that they would establish a permanent financing facilities for agricultural credit at the third session of the National Diet.

2. Chairman Miki Revealed His Opinion on the Middle-Road Policy.

Chairman Miki of our party delivered an address on his political policy at the Diet members meeting on July 6. According to his opinion the parliamentary system based on two ultra extremists of the right and left-wingers is not favorable and even contradictory for the economic rehabilitation of Japan under the present circumstances. He revealed that the so-called centrists' party which pursue the "Middle-road" policy is most needed for economic as well as political stabilization of Japan. So our party should make efforts for consolidation of political power of the middle of the road policy calling up for all persons who would cooperate with us.

3. Stumping Tours Scheduled for Ministers of Our Party

Transportation Minister Okada and State Minister Funada will make their stumping tours to various districts in Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu regions including Okayama, Moji, Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Kagoshima, Nagasaki, Tokushima, Takamatsu, etc.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Agreement Reached For the Revised Budget Bill

Deliberation upon the proposed revised budget bill of the new financial year has been going on among the representatives of the Political Affairs Research Committees of the three Governmental parties, each of them presenting their respective budget plan. But their effort to attain an agreement have been futile so far and they had been dead locked on the Social Democrats' insistance upon a 2,5-fold hike and the Democrats' proposal to raise railway fares by 2,625 times. So Chief Cabinet Secretary Tomabechi proposed a compromise budget bill worked out for settlement of government parties disagreement as the present economic situation of Japan requires prompt passage of the budget bill at the present session of the Diet. In this way the representatives of the three government parties discussed about the Tomabechi plan again and again from June 27 to 29 but their result was fruitless. And at last late in the evening of June 29 a confab of three top leaders of the government parties was arranged by the initiative of Lower House Speaker Matsuoka at the chief cabinet secretary chamber in the Diet building. The confab was continued from half past eight to a few minutes past eleven

in the same evening among Democrat President Ashida, Socialist Leader Katayama and Chirman Miki of our party, Speaker Komakichi Matsuoka also presented himself at the meeting. The discussion was focussed upon the railway fares as Mr. Katayama had insisted on a 2,5-fold railway passenger fees which was proposed by his party's political affairs research committee, and at this time again they could not reach to an agreement, The three top leaders confab has been reopened at 9;30 in the next morning, And at this meeting the controversial problem on the budget bill at last reached to an agreement as, at this occasion, Chairman Miki of our party proposed a compromise plan on the railway fares of 2,55-fold raise. In this way, according to this newly agreed budget bill it is estimated the revised of the budget would reach to 31, 200 million yen, and the entire budget reach to the amount of 420,000 million yen.

2. Movement of Councillors affiliated to our Party

As it was decided that the Ryokufukai of the House of Councillors to start as a political party those who sponsor our party and yet belong to this political group, the Ryokufukai, have decided to withdraw from this party with the object of organizing an independent political group composed of our party's councillors. At present our party's councillors number nine and it is expected seven of them would withdraw from the Ryokufukai. While our party's executives have prefered at first the name of a People's Cooperative Party as of the Lower House for this councillors new organization, it was

generally agreed among the councillors that the new political group should assume more conclusive name such as a Cooperative Club with the intention of affiliating new other members to this this newly born group.

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People's Coopertative Party

1. On the Confb of the Three Government Parties' Political Affairs Research Committees.

The Social Democrats Proposed their own revised plan for the budget bill to the confab of the three government parties political affairs research committees, held on June 21. At this meeting our Diet-men Mr. I Ide and Mr. S. Nomoto representing our party requested the meeting for negotiation on the problems of railway fares which is most urgently needed for its early settlement.
But at this meeting both the Socialists and the Democrats proposed to discuss the budget bill as a whole, so our members requested prompt settlement of the railway freight fares as the overall discussion on the budget bill might retard its presentation to the Diet floor in the long run. It was agreed, however, to discuss on the problem along wt with the proposed revised plan of each respective parties at the three parties political affairs research committees on the following day.

2. Attitude of Our Party Toward the Social Democrats' Revised Plan for the Budget Bill.

Our Party held a meeting of party's officers inclusive of Secretary-General Y Takeyama, State Ministers K, Funada and S. Okada and Mr. Sasamori, Vice-Chairman of the Political Affairs Research Committee to discuss about our party's own plan for the budget bill as well as attitude toward the proposed revised budget bill of the Social Democratic Party in the evening of the same day; And it was decided to make out our party's own revised plan for the budget bill as we have some inconsistent points with the revised plan proposed by the Social Democrats in respect to the problems on railway fares and taxation.

3. Our Party Decided a Revised Plan for the Budget Bill.

At the Diet members meeting of our party held June 22 our party decided following outline of a revised plan for the government revised budget bill.

1. Railway Fares — Amount in round numbers Deficits 19,800 million yen

   a) Freight fare 3.5 fold
   b) Passenger fees 2.5 fold
   c) Commutation fees 2.5 fold
   d) Students' Commutation fees 2.0 fold

2. Communication fares — 4 fold

   (Same with the Government plan)

3. Education Expenditures

   Deficits 2,200 million yen

a) The 6;3 educational system (1.600 million yen)

b) Part-time high school (550 ")

c) Tuition fees (2 folds raise) (50 ")

4. Agriculture+Forestry Development Bank (10,000million yen)

(Outside of the Budget bill)

5. Provisionary Revision of the National Pension

Deficits 1,000 million ye

6. The Transaction tax

(abolished) Deficits 27,000 million yen

7. Income Tax Increas of income 1o,ooo million yen

Raise of the so-called basic deduction in the computation of income up to the limit of ¥ 2o,ooo . But it is expected to increase tax through a measure of high rate of progressive tax as well as taxation on the black-marketing or illegal profits.

8. Profits from the differnces of prices(Profit realized by revision of the price atructure) loo.ooo million yen

9. Tansfer from the Profit accrued to the Special Account for the Foreign Trade Fund loo,ooo million yen

10, Tax on an increased production of Japanese wine(Sake) through adding alcohol to the original sake lo, ooo million yen

11. Curtailment of the administrative expenditures lo,ooo million yen

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party Revealed Its Attitude Toward the New Budget

The Diet members meeting held on June 1948 decided our party's attitude toward deliberation of the new budget and revealed its opinion to the government as follows:

So long as our party's demand on the problems of the new rice price and paying back of the differnces of rices between the proposed new revised rice price and the present price to rice producers as well as establishment of an agriculture-forestry bank which are deemed as prerequisite for deliberation of the new budget were not settled, our party would be compelled to reserve free attitude toward deliberation for the bill of budget as well as other financial and banking bills. Our party has been cooperated with the present government since its formation, but the cause such a decision was made at the Diet members' meeting was due to the latter's lukewarm attitude toward our demand and policy, above all. to the demand for establishment of a new agricultural financial institution in line with the Three government Partie's Policy Agreement as the need for cheap and ample credit are most keenly felt

under the present financial circumstances in rural districts.

2. Our Party's Attitude Toward Railway Fare and Freight

At the same Diet member meeting our pary decided the policy toward the hike of railway fare and freight as follows:

Our party deem it ligitimate to raise passenger fare 2.5 times and freight 4 times of each respective present standard, and to fill deficits of about 11, 776 million yen, which would appear even through above mentioned procedure of freight hike, we recommend such measures as rationalization of business administration and operation, regulation of various subordinate organs or bodies, utilization of property not listed on the books as well as profit accrued to the special Account of Foreign Trade Fund, etc.

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party's Representation On Raising Rice Prices and Railway Freight

At the Diet members' meeting of our party on May 24 they approved following decision on raising rice prices and railway freight and a written decision was represented to Premier Ashida by Secretary-General Takeyama

a) On rice prices

The profit to be made from differnce of old and new prices of rice according to the proposed new prices level should not be transfer to the general accounts of budget. We demand, instead, that those amount of profit should be returned to rice-producing farmers.

b) On railway freight

Raising of railway freight for passengers should be restrained as low as possible, so we deem it reasonable to press down 3 times of present freight.

2. On Administrative Structure Research Committee of our Party

Our party has been insisted on so far that the government budget should be compiled in accordance

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with so-called sound financial principles. In this respect our party demanded the government for simplification of administrative structure as well as dismissal of surplus personnels in governmental offices with intention of saving administrative expenses which compose a large part of budgetary expenditures.

As the problem of simplification of administrative structure is so important a matter, our party formed a spencial committee composed of thirteen Diet members to research the problem as well as to make out measures against it. May 24 Mr. Kazuhiko Matsubara was elected as the chairman of the committee.

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People's cooperative Party

1. On the Third National Convention of Our Party

The third national convention of our party was held at the auditorium of Japan Medical Association on May 15, at 11 o'clock. Attendants at the meeting numbered about three hundred including members of the Central Committee as well as representatives of various Prefectural Chapters of our party and many other guests. The meeting had been very successful. The Central Executive Committee at that occasion proposed firstly an agendum concerning expansion of our party's political strength as we deem it necessary for Japan, at this present ecomomic situation, to extend and develop a political power which pursue a middle-of-the road policy to rehabilitate as well as stabilize national economy.

At the convention it was also discussed and approved various emergency measures prepared and proposed to the convention by the Central Executive Committee. Among the agenda it was included measures on agricultural production increase; taxation; middle and small sized industry; education, etc.

The Convention also approved unanimously following resolution:

1) To launch vigorous campaign for strengthening as well as expansion of party's organization.

2) To accomodate credit to farmers which is necessary for agricultural reproduction and establishment of an Agricultural Reconstruction Bank.

3) To readjust prices of the agricultural products on the sliding scales.

4) To complete the 6:3 educational system as well as working youngmen's education at expenditure of National Treasury.

5) To provide funds and materials with the middle and small sized industries for their development, and at the same time to revise the Commercial and Industrial Cooperative Associations on democratic principles.

6) To secure stabilization of urban dwellers' livelihood through development of consumer's cooperative movement.

7) To establish promptly dwelling houses for working people through organization of building cooperative associations.

8) To strengthen set-up as well as mediatory function of labor relations committee for extablishment of righteous labor relations, and at the same time to settle peacefully labor strifes.

9) To rationalize the taxation system and to realize fairness of burden of tax among people.

At this convention Major Paterson of CIE , GHQ presented himself as a guest and delivered an address on American Cooperative movement to a great inspirational as well as educational impression to the assembly.

2 Nomination of Newly Elected Officals of Our Party

At the national convention of our party above mentioned chief officials were newly elected as follows:

Chairman of Central Committee:

Mr. Takeo Miki (re-elected)

Councillors:

Mr. Junzo Sasamori (re-elected)

Mr. Seiichi Okada (newly elected)

Mr. Kyoji Funada (")

Secretary-General:

Yutaro Takeyama (newly elected)

Chairman of Political Affairs Research Committee ;

Mr. Takizo Matsumoto (newly elected)

Vice-Chairman of Political Affairs Research Committee;

Mr. Ichitaro Ide (re-elected)

Mr. Shinakichi Nomoto (newly elected)

Mr. Hajime Miyoshi (re-elected)

Chairman of Diet Members' Meeting ;

Mr. Kinzaemon Matoba (newly elected)

Chairman of Lower House Representatives' Meeting:

Mr. Toshio Sakai (newly elected)

Supervisors of Accountants :

Mr. Togoro Karakida (re-elected)

Mr. Tomoaki Naito (newly elected)

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People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party's Attitude Toward Suspension of Interest Payment of War Bond.

At the Diet members' meeting of May 14 our party decided to clear our stand toward so-called Chief Secretary of Cabinet Tomabechi's Proposal on one-year-postponement of interest payment of war bonds. Our party judged that the Mr. Tomabechi's proposal, in reality, is nothing but suspension of interest payment for the bond-holders especially for the agricultural associations or other middle class people while bigbanking institutions shall be relieved from deficits caused suspension of interst payment through an appropriate measure to be taken. So we cannot express fullefledged approval of the Social Democrat's proposal on the war bonds problem so long as we are not be able to obtain definit plans on financial measures toward agriculturists as well as middle and small sized enterprisers.

2. On the Convention of Nagano Prefectural Chapter of our Party

There was held a convention of Nagano Prefectural chapt-
exof our party on May 12 and 13 at Matsumoto, Suwa, in
Nagano Prefecture. Problems on agricultural cooperative m
movement as well as farm land reform and party's pro-
paganda works were discussed on that occasion. Executive
Miki, State Minister Funada, Narakida, Kikkawa, Ide, Diet
members of our party have presented at the meetings.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. On By-election in Miyagi Prefecture

Our Party decided to nominate Mr. Toshio Sato, Vice-President of the Tokyo Lawyers' Association as a candidate for the by-election to be held on May 20 in the second electoral district in Miyagi Prefecture. It is scheduled that many Diet members including Chairman of Executives Takeo Miki, Transportation Minister Seiichi Okada, Deputy Secretary-General Yutaro Takeyama will make stumping tour by turns to that district to assist Mr. Sato.

2. Our Party's Representations related to an Emergency Financing of Agricultural Credit to the Government.

Our party made serious representations related to emergency financing of agricultural credit to the Government on May 7. The reason of it lies in the dearth of capital in rural provinces caused by the present spiral inflation as well as heavy burden of tax-levy. In fact, in rural areas farming people are feeling keenly deficits of cash necessary for buying fertilizers for spring farming and other production capital. So we asked the Government for prompt financing for these agricultural needs.

3. The Second National Convention of Our Party's Youth Department

Our party decided to hold the second national convention of youth department of our prefectural chapters on May 14, at the auditorium of Japan medical association in Kanda, Tokyo. It is expected many representatives from various prefectural organizations of our party will attend this meeting to discuss about future activities as well as present situation of the youth movement.

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Weekly Report

People's Cooperative Party

1. Our Party Prepared for Formulation of A New Agricultural Program

In view of progress of the land reform and farmers' cooperative organizations our party has decided to formulate a new agricultural emergency program to cope with problems on agriculture. So there was formed a special committee within our party to investigate and make out a composite program for agricultural problems. In this connection our party commisioned Dr. Seiichi Tobata and Prof. S. Kawano of Tokyo State University as advisers to the committee. The proposed agricultural program of our party is scheduled to be presented to the Third National Convention to be held on 10th of next month.

2. Our Party's Executive Members Met With the Representatives of Japan Teachers' Labor Union.

Executive members of our party confered with the representatives of the Japan Teachers' Labor Union about the problems of Japan's new educational issues. They discussed about the problems on the 6.3 educational system, the part-time educational system for working youth and present situation of teachers of elementary as well as high schools in local districts, etc. The conference with representatives of teachers' organization is expected be held at every convenient occation hereafter.