



Rent Protest Group Calls Citizens To Mass Meeting At School Tonight

Sunday evening a citizens' group in Greenbelt met to register a protest against the unexpected city-wide rent increase levied on residents by PHA.

On Saturday, residents received letters from PHA informing them of a rent increase of 15 percent. The raise was city-wide, and coming unexpectedly, with no advance warning, was greeted with shock and consternation by all residents.

The citizens group, comprised of representatives of all the leading organizations in town, calls itself the Rent Protest Committee. Its first action was to plan a mass meeting for Thursday, May 31, 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Center School auditorium, at which time it will circulate a petition and consider courses of action.

In a statement to the Cooperator, the Rent Protest Committee said:

"PHA's arbitrary increase, coming on the heels of an announcement last week concerning a renewal of negotiations on the sale of Greenbelt to local veterans' housing group, is looked at askance as having political implications which are not yet clear.

"The manner of announcing the raise, which had been planned in complete secrecy, was seriously questioned. Residents, who are largely employed in government work, have been hard-hit by the spiralling inflation with no salary increases in the past two years. The announcement gave residents three weeks in which to sign a new lease and four weeks to vacate their homes if they refused to sign.

No Notice

"In private housing, the rent law requires a notice of proposed rent increases and opportunity for tenants to examine the justification and evidence at a public hearing. The summary notification by PHA is in sharp contrast to the national policy requesting a renewal and strengthening of rent control.

"Two previous rent increases more than doubled the average rent since the rent freeze of 1941. The present 15 percent increase will boost proposed rentals to 238 percent above the 1941 level. These figures apply to one portion of the community's housing facilities known as 'Old Greenbelt'. The other portion, known as defense housing, was previously increased 30 percent above the rent freeze and the present increase will raise it to 50 percent above the original figure."

The Rent Protest Committee plans to ask for postponement of action on the increase, pending public hearings.

Sodality Elects Officers

Installation of newly-elected officers of the Sodality of St. Hugh's parish will be held Wednesday, June 6, at 8:30 p.m. at the church hall.

New officers are Mrs. Thomas Callanan, prefect; Mrs. John Ohlmacher, vice-prefect; Mrs. Joseph Murphy, recording secretary; Mrs. Thomas Green, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Thomas Holland, treasurer.

This will be the last meeting of the sodality for the summer.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Friday, June 1, has been designated as a second registration day for children who will be entering public schools of the county as first graders in the fall. It is very important that all prospective first graders be enrolled at that time. Mark June 1 on your calendar and plan to register your boy or girl at the local school between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Only those children who will be six by December 31, 1951 are permitted by law to enter first grade in September.

Dance Recital

The North End P.T.A. Dance group under the direction of Miss Evelyn Davis will hold their second annual demonstration on Saturday, June 2, 1951 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Center School.

Everyone interested in Modern dancing is invited to attend.

Miss Davis appears on television Friday at 12:30 p.m. on channel 4.



Johnson Reveals Raise Is PHA National Policy

In an interview with the Cooperator this week PHA manager Alec W. Johnson emphasized that the proposed rent increase in Greenbelt is part of a "nation-wide policy."

Greendale, Wisconsin, for instance, (the only other "green" town still in public hands) has been notified of an 18% increase effective June 1.

Although declaring that "everyone is entitled to express his own feeling and to take action," Johnson does not consider the proposed upgrade excessive "in view of operating costs which include interest on investment and property depreciation as well as maintenance and labor."

Elsewhere a rent committee spokesman questioned whether the term "investment" included the more than five million dollars wasted in inefficient management during Greenbelt's early years.

Johnson, who "had not yet heard any direct criticism nor been contacted by any group", will welcome any "citizens' committee which might wish to discuss" the present controversy with him.

It is well known that the Office of Housing Expediter has no power to rule on rent changes, but it does have available a formula which, Johnson pointed out, would have enabled "PHA to require an even larger increase" in a perfectly legal manner. In his opinion, the only authority capable of holding a public hearing and rescinding the rent increase is Commissioner of Public Housing Jack Egan.

Johnson replied to a complaint about the severe deterioration of maintenance and lack of maintenance materials that his "management will correct whatever may be found wrong with the operation."

He stressed that the rent increase "has nothing to do with the impending sale of Greenbelt." A rent protest committee member confirmed this view, but did not concur with Johnson's opinion that the "rise in price of nearby property" might cause a corresponding rise in the sale price of Greenbelt.

It was Johnson's feeling that if the people of Greenbelt would consider the less obvious but nevertheless costly liabilities of running a housing project which "has been a loss for several years", they

PHA Clamps Down On Laundry Rule

PHA manager Alec Johnson told a representative committee of apartment-house dwellers recently that he could not rescind the rule forbidding the hanging out of laundry in apartment areas.

The manager met with the committee following their submission of a petition requesting a repeal of the prohibition in view of the inconvenience and improper sanitation of indoor drying.

Johnson countered with the statement that the rule was an old one which had not recently been enforced but was soundly based. The basement laundries, he contended, are expensive and have adequate equipment.

Furthermore, he stated, "since there are some apartment areas in which laundry absolutely could not be permitted outdoors, it would be unfair to allow it in others."

The Cooperator could not reach for comment Mrs. Dogle and Mrs. Ely, who spearheaded the petition campaign, according to their letters to the editor of two weeks ago.

Last Dance At Post

Last dance of the season for the Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136 will be held at the Legion house Saturday, June 2.

Proceeds will go toward renovating the Legion home.

Music will sound out at 9:30 p.m. by the Paul Kenestrick Rhythmaires.

would better understand the rent increase. But it was suggested to him that the manner and tone of the PHA letters and the policy of the government in keeping rent-payers in ignorance of relevant facts and figures have not encouraged understanding.

As PHA manager, Johnson is "without influence" in the present conflict, although as a "new resident" he is more than superficially interested in its outcome.

Five rent protest committee members met this morning with Roy Little, Deputy Commissioner in charge of Disposition, at the Longfellow Building in Washington. They presented a petition asking postponement of the rent increase until after a public hearing is held.

A report on this conference will be given at the Mass Meeting tonight at 8:30 in the Center School Auditorium.

Council Asks Truman To Intervene In Recent Rent Raise, Force Hearing

By I. J. Parker

Greenbelt's city council appealed directly to the President of the United States for immediate intervention in the proposed raise in rents, at last Monday night's council meeting. A resolution condemning the action of Public Housing Administration and asking for Presidential intervention was introduced by councilman Frank Lastner and passed unanimously.

The resolution called the attention of the president to the following facts: rent raises in 1943 and 1949 had already boosted rents to 110% of the 1941 rent freeze level; the additional 15% raise would boost the percentage to 140%; national policy at present is to strengthen rent control; "comparability" is false as there is no "comparable" community to Greenbelt, which is isolated with inadequate public transportation; maintenance has been neglected; the sale of Greenbelt to a veterans' group is imminent; a raise in rent is inflationary and contrary to policies and principles of the present administration. "Be it resolved," the resolution ended, "that the city council take all necessary steps to rescind the action of PHA and urge the President of the United States to intervene immediately to have the action postponed until a public inquiry can be held."

Paul Forsky, local resident, disclosed that the "greentowns" are exempt from the rent control law due to a 1949 federal court decision by Judge Calvin Chestnut in Baltimore. Regulations pertaining to other public housing, Borsky explained, require the posting of a petition of the anticipated rent raise with opportunities for a public hearing. He called PHA's action "shameful" and an affront to the citizens of Greenbelt. He strongly recommended opposition to the rent raise and its postponement until a public inquiry can be held. He suggested that the facts be presented to the proper congressional committees and representatives of the Fifth District in Congress.

Lastner stated that he had brought the matter to the attention of Representative Lansdale Sasser. Sasser was "very interested and sympathetic," Lastner reported, and had sent a letter of protest to PHA. Sasser called the action of PHA "extremely unwise, inflationary, and contrary to what private housing can do."

Bus May Fold

Bus service by the Oriole Bus Lines may be discontinued on June 9, according to a letter received by City-Manager Charles McDonald, it was disclosed. The letter stated that Oriole had not found the service profitable, and anticipated further losses after school closed for the summer. Unless a plan is worked out to make the line pay, Oriole would cease service to Greenbelt. McDonald was instructed to write a reply, stating that the manager and members of the council are willing to submit a plan which may make the bus service more profitable, and will meet with Oriole officials at an early date. An alternate route, through Berwyn Heights will be recommended.

Two appropriation ordinances were passed. The first supplied \$350 for Fourth of July fireworks, and the second permitted the spending of \$850 for replacement of small playground equipment. A letter from residents of the Hillside area thanking the city-manager for "saving" the removal of a baby playground in the area was read to the council.

Church Parking Problem

The problem of parking automobiles near the Community Church was considered again by the council. Two plans to alleviate the hazards were recommended by

the Landscape Committee of the church. The first, to permit diagonal parking on Hillside, was deemed contrary to AAA recommendations; the concrete gutter would be an additional hazard, and PHA would not let city funds be used for improvement of the roadways to permit such parking. A plan to finish an extension of a service road behind the Community Church was considered the best alternate suggestion, with the city to provide the equipment for the extension. McDonald stated that the cost of material may be a deterrent to the plan. He disclosed that the permit for the new Methodist Church was granted by the Maryland Park and Planning Commission only after suitable parking areas had been included in the building plans.

W. Earl Thomas, member of the board of trustees of the Community Church, stated that the church building is used by numerous organizations not connected with the church. Land surrounding the church is needed for future expansion and prohibits the use of the ground for parking. He felt parking was a general community problem. The council advised Thomas to consult with the board of trustees and return with a formal request for assistance in constructing an extension of the service road. Meanwhile, McDonald will investigate the cost of materials for the road.

Mayor "Betty" To Leave

Mayor Elizabeth Harrington informed the council that the next meeting will be her last as a council member. The Harrington family is moving from Greenbelt to a newly-constructed home in College Park and the mayor is resigning from council. Frank Lastner, mayor pro-tem, will take over as mayor. The remaining members of council will elect an additional member to replace Mrs. Harrington for the remaining three months of the council's term. The Mayor stated that she was pleased with the council's work and expressed her pleasure that the council had presented a united front on every major item of business.

The council will meet again on June 11.

Music Program Marks School End

Center school's closing activity will take place Tuesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m., on the grounds of the school, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, the program will be given the next fair day.

The program will consist of songs and dances by the entire school. There will be creative dances, singing games by the kindergarten, "Old World" dances, "Travel" dances, "seasonal" dances and "Early American" dances. In addition, there will be group singing by the entire school. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend this affair and help bring the school year to a successful ending.

Summer vacation will begin with the closing of school on Thursday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Center School cafeteria will close May 31, and no milk will be sold after that date. Parents should make arrangements for their children to return home for lunch, if possible.

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APPLAUSE

To the Editor:

Hail to PHA - Paragon of Housing in America!!! It is participating actively in the Government's program to reduce purchasing power in the pockets of the people by taking it out in increased rents—even though the Administration is pressing for a stronger and extended rent control law. But of course the Government isn't bound by its own publicly-expressed policies. That's only for the poor suckers who work for it. Government workers can't have increases in pay, because the Government must set the example for the rest of the country. Government employees have too much leave, so cut it down, and then deprive them of that little by not letting them have leave and chopping off that leave if they haven't used it by the end of the fiscal year. If they do get small increases, take it away with increased taxes that hit the lowest-income brackets the hardest; ad infinitum.

In the letter to tenants announcing the increase in rents, PHA states that they are doing this because of increases in cost of operation. There is no question in my mind that the costs of materials needed in Greenbelt's maintenance operations have gone up, but this has been more than balanced by the decrease in the amount and quality of service provided the tenants, and the charges that have been placed on almost every service required by the tenants. For example, in August last year my wife sent two window screens to maintenance (after weeks of calling to get them to come and pick them up) to have them fixed. One of these was recently returned. We are still trying to get the other. In other instances we have had to pay for services which are provided free of charge in any private apartment development. Having worked in PHA I know that a number of the employees working for the management in Greenbelt are overpaid according to Government standards. I suggest that a survey be conducted to bring these into line with Government standards, starting from the top down.

I have lived in Greenbelt now for over seven years. Others have lived here even longer. As the

PROTEST

Dear Editor:

In Washington, D. C., rental increases proposed are 20% of the rentals in effect at the rent freeze date in 1941. Some Greenbelters might therefore construe that a mere 15% increase should be easy to swallow.

However, the increases proposed by PHA would bring Greenbelt rentals to about 238% of the rents in effect at the rent freeze date in 1941. This is not the first rent raise in Greenbelt. It is the third! Two years ago, rents were raised in Greenbelt based on comparability with the Falkland Apartments. Today, comparability with the Falkland Apartments is not sought, because there has not been a rent raise in the Falkland Apartments for three years.

The Administration talks of holding the line against INFLATION, and of the need for tighter rent controls—but PHA, an arm of the Administration, is setting the pattern of increased rentals all over the country. WE DO NOT SEEK SPECIAL TREATMENT. WE WANT EQUAL TREATMENT. WE WANT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RENT INCREASE. PROTEST THE ARBITRARY RENT INCREASE. COME TO THE MASS PROTEST MEETING - THURSDAY, 8:30 p.m., CENTER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. Write to THE PRESIDENT; YOUR SENATORS; YOUR CONGRESSMAN-- to HOLD THE INFLATION LINE!!
 Disgusted Veteran.

years went by, and as the rents increased, services have gotten worse, instead of better. It's time the tenants stopped sitting quietly by, letting such things continue! It's time the public, represented by the tenants of Greenbelt, raised their voices and used their heads to stop such autocratic actions by PHA! I applaud the action of our council in protesting such action, and urge all to support them and support themselves by attending the meeting which is being called on Thursday evening at the Center School to offer their suggestions and their help to stop these predatory attacks on our welfare as well as our pocketbooks!!!
 Sam Schwimer.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Ministers:
 Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.
 Eric T. Braund
 Church phone 7931

Sunday, June 3 - 8:45 and 11 a.m., Church worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be given at both morning services. Sermon by Mr. Braund: "Spiritual Anemia". 8:15, 9:50 and 11 a.m. Church School classes. Primary and Kindergarten ages at 8:45 and 11 a.m. 7 p.m., Angelus Hour & chimes. 8 p.m., First Sunday evening service. Baptism of infants and reception of new members. Sermon by Mr. Braund: "Are You Satisfied with Yourself?"

Monday, June 4 - 8 a.m., Board of Trustees, Church Office.

Tuesday, June 5 - 1:15 p.m., Afternoon Guild, Church Office.

Wednesday, June 6 - 8 p.m., Fidelis Bible Class social meeting, Church Study. 8:15 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

Thursday, June 7 - 7:30 p.m., Cloister Choir rehearsal. 8:30 p.m., Women's study group meets at home of Mrs. Lou Moody, 5-F Eastway.

Notes and Notices

Sarah Gels, 8511

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hennessy, Jr., 18-Q Ave, announce the marriage of their daughter, Rosemary Ann, (James Walter Rowland of Berwyn, Md., on Saturday morning, May 26, at St. Hugh's Catholic Church at a nuptial mass with Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo officiating. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Lois Ann Dugga of Boston, Mass. The best man was Martin J. Loftus of Greenbelt. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Ewland. Rosemary and James were graduated from Greenbelt High School last June. Rosemary was chosen Queen of the 1950 senior class of Greenbelt High. The couple will live in Landover, Md.

Bonnie Forstrom, U Laurel Hill, daughter of Mand Mrs. Artie Forstrom, celebrated her third birthday on Thursday, May 24, with a party. Her godmother, Nick Carafalo of Revere, Md. and his girl friend, Yvonne Powell arrived last Sunday and were hand to help her celebrate. Boys' birthday festivities were clinged with the unexpected visit of grandmother, Mrs. Rose Ferraro, and her aunt and uncle, Mrs. Mrs. Anthony DeFrancisco, all of Revere.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gaeffel, 60-B Crescent, had as their guests, their nephew, his friend, Second Lieutenant, J. Benefiel and William Benefiel of the Chemical Warfare Division at Aberdeen, Md.

Robert Halpin, age 7½, his tonsils removed on Tuesday, May 22, at Leland Memorial Hospital. ADD NOTES

Mrs. James Woodburn of Southway, died Tuesday night at George Washington Hospital. She had been ill for some time. Her son Dale, a teacher at Greenbelt High, is a Reserve Army officer and will be called up next month to active duty.

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Friday, June 1: First Friday of the month. Holy Communion given before and during the 7 a.m. Mass.

Sunday, June 3: Picnic in Rock Creek Park, 10:30 to 5, for members of the Junior Sodality and the Boys' Club.

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Sunday, June 3 - Sunday School at 8:45 and 9:45 a.m. Classes for all age groups. Morning worship at 11 a.m. Holy Communion Service.

Monday, June 4 - Regular monthly meeting of the WSCS will be held at the home of Mrs. Richard Corbin, 4-G Crescent.

Wednesday, June 6 - Choir rehearsal in the church at 8 p.m.

HEBREW SERVICES

Morris A. Sandhaus, Rabbi
 Greenbelt 4193

Friday, June 1 - Services will be held in the social room of the Center school at 8:30 p.m. Lay services will be conducted by a member of the Jewish Community Center. Portion of the Week - B'Chukko-Sai. Blessing of the New Month of Sivan - the new month will begin on Tuesday, June 5.

Rabbi Sandhaus, in his capacity of National Chaplain, will go to Newport News, Virginia to conduct special installation services for the new officers of the department of Virginia of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

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FOX TALES

By Sam Fox

Swimming Classes: All swimming classes for July are closed. You can register your children for August. All classes will close on June 10.

Summer Program: The complete summer program will be published in The Cooperator next week. There will be many new activities. Register your children the first day for the different activities. The program will start on July 2. On the Baby Playgrounds this year the children can order milk in the mornings. Plans have been completed for a milk concern to bring milk to the different Baby Playgrounds at 6 cents each.
Socball: The games are getting very exciting and the first round will be complete this week. Thrifty and Arcade play this Saturday night Monday the second round

Music Recital Sunday At St. Hugh's Church

A music recital will be held at St. Hugh's School on Sunday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m. The boys and girls participating in the program are: Suzanne Haker, Richard Wade, Ann Canning, Rita Brady, Maureen Holland, Mary Jane Flynn, Maxine Fern, Mary Catherine Root, Paul McDonald, Judy Holland, Jean Bussan and Theresa Madden

The Girls' Choral Group will render five selections as their contribution to an entertaining afternoon. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

opens with Nelson Stude and Annadale, and Thrifty playing Arcade Pontiac. For the first round Arcade and Thrifty are tied for first place, each losing one game.
Little League Baseball: The teams are getting ready for the opener on June 27 and the field now has its new dug-outs and soon will have the back-stop fixed. They have been playing many out of town games, boys coming here from: D. C., Arlington, Baltimore, and Laurel. The managers are doing a swell job and a great service to the boys of Greenbelt, teaching them the fundamentals of the sport and good sportsmanship at all times. A minor league will be organized also.

18 Travelers See World Get Train Ride, Biscuits

Eighteen Greenbelt citizens who set out last Thursday to see the world, stirred up a good bit of excitement. The travelers were three- and four-year olds from the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery school who were accompanied by their mothers and their teacher on a train excursion.

The group boarded a B & O electric at Laurel, Md., and were whisked into Union Station in Washington in a matter of minutes. It was the first train ride for some of them.

At Union Station they were met by a station policeman who took them on a short tour including a trip through a pullman train. It

was hard to determine who enjoyed it more — children or trainmen. A point of special interest was the train kitchen, where the children were given biscuits hot from the oven.

After lunch at the station, even the children agreed they had seen enough of the world for one day, and the group boarded another train for home.

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Drop Inn Data

By Bobbie DeVecchia
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Senior members enjoyed a hayride to Great Falls on May 11, and the junior members held their hayride a week later.

Officers of the Drop Inn have planned two dances a month. One is a small juke box dance with admission only 10 cents. The other is the big monthly dance with the Drop Inn decorated and admission 35 cents drag and 20 cents stag with guests invited.

The Drop Inn will close in the afternoons for the summer, but will be open on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. If these nights prove successful, the Drop Inn will be open every night this summer.

See DROP INN page 4

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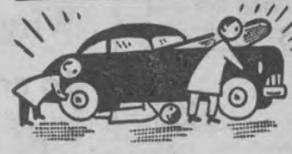
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NCJW Plans Annual Luncheon For June 9

The fifth annual luncheon of the Greenbelt section, National Council of Jewish Women will be held at the Golden Parrot restaurant on Saturday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. William Nicholas, luncheon chairman, announces that the guest speaker will be Mrs. Adella E. Kloak, chief of special services and publications division of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Dept. of Labor. Mrs. Kloak, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, has devoted her career to the welfare of women workers. Her topic will be "The Role of Women in our Economy."

The afternoon will also feature a skit and fashions from Dietz's department store in Hyassville. Mrs. William Levsky is in charge of the fashion show.

Installation of the following officers, elected at the May meeting of the section, will follow the luncheon: president, Mrs. Harold Fischer; vice-president in charge of administration, Mrs. Milton Haut; vice-president in charge of education, Mrs. Morris Sandhaus; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Julius Pines; recording secretary, Mrs. Samuel Schwimmer; treasurer, Mrs. Hy Tannenbaum.

Reservations and transportation arrangements may be made through Mrs. Milton Haut at 5096. All members and friends are invited to attend. Other members of the committee are Mrs. David Fisher, in charge of decorations, and Mrs. Martin Bickford, in charge of programs

Homemakers End Year With Playhouse Trip

The Homemakers will close their club year Tuesday, June 5 with a trip to the Electric Playhouse in the Pepeco Bldg., where a program will be presented by the Electric Institute of Washington.

Guests of the Homemakers will be the Navy Wives and Woman's Club of Greenbelt.

Newly-elected officers who will assume their duties in September are Mrs. Ralph Converse, president; Mrs. Charles Orleans, vice-president; Mrs. Willie Causey, secretary; Mrs. Carl Eubank, treasurer.

Dance Recital Friday

The dance pupils of Ann Walker will hold a recital Friday night, June 1, at 8 p.m. at the Center school auditorium.

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Scheduled for June and July are the Out-of-School Dance, Juke-Box Dance, moonlight cruise to Marshall Hall, and hayride for all members.

GCS, Cooperator Try Arbitration on Policy

By Doris A. Mednick

In an effort to reconcile opposing views of the Cooperator and Greenbelt Consumer Services, a special meeting was called by Ben Rosenzweig at his home last Sunday and reported by him at the semi-monthly meeting of GCS board of directors Friday night.

Rosenzweig said he invited "responsible citizens" of the community and several past editors of the Cooperator, as well as Harry Zubkoff, present editor, to exchange views on the recent criticism leveled at GCS which resulted in a sizable cut in advertising to the local newspaper.

From the viewpoint of a change in approach by both the Cooperator and GCS, some of the recommendations were: that if GCS should improve the quality of its advertising, it would find the Cooperator a more effective medium; that all people interested in the cooperative should enlist more people who were free from bias to work on the newspaper staff and relieve the burden of reporting on the present "overworked" staff; that the paper should seek outside advertising and feel free to continue its present criticism if it wants to; that reporting should be of news of community interest rather than simply problems of management or membership.

Censor?

Zubkoff said he had offered to present all GCS stories to the general manager for his information before printing them. This suggestion was rejected by both Sam Ashelman and the special committee, who said such pre-examination was contrary to the principles of a free press and would, in effect, censor the news. The editor congratulated Rosenzweig on his "sincere" efforts to bring some harmony out of discord and said that the idea behind the meeting was a "fine" one, except that Rosenzweig's presentation to the board had not included all of the Cooperator's arguments.

I. J. Parker criticized the selection of people by Rosenzweig to sit in on the discussion as biased in favor of GCS. He said that two of the past editors had not lived in Greenbelt for several years and were not as well acquainted with the present situation as other people living in Greenbelt are, who were not called upon. Since it appeared that another evening of discussion might pass without any definite action, Henry Walter was elected to represent the board in a private meeting with the editor and then bring a program back to the board.

Invest

The board authorized the conversion of present GCS holdings of ECI stock into stock of Potomac Cooperatives Incorporated, and the purchase of an additional amount of stock, bringing the total GCS investment up to \$17,650, provided the other cooperatives in the Potomac area purchase their quota. PCI owns the Baltimore warehouse in which GCS will own 35% stock, and will be the purchasing and warehousing center for the Virginia, Washington and Greenbelt co-ops.

Ashelman suggested that members could save money on many items if the co-op bought them in bulk and volunteers took charge of packaging and distribution. This could be done with soap flakes, mothproofing aids, and many other household items. Since several board members felt that the "volunteer" basis didn't last long, Martin Bickford suggested that GCS do some of the office work entailed in such a cooperative endeavor, organize it and enlist help and charge off the administrative overhead entailed. Henry Walter, chairman of the membership committee, was instructed to give further consideration to the idea of co-operative bulk purchasing.

The price-checking committee was voted a \$10-a-month expense account for a period of three months. This committee hopes to do some testing of quality as well as price comparisons.

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