

Co-operative Management

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FOREWORD

S. T. Meng (Meng Shou Tseng) and myself, appreciate the honor done us by the Industrial Co-operatives Organising Committee of India, in asking us to submit these pages. We regret that we do not have the time or ability to present a more polished manuscript. S. T. Meng is very busy, acting as Chief Inspector of the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, while I myself have my hands full as Headmaster of the Sandan Indusco Bailie Technical Training School.

We arranged to meet in Sandan in June, and to write on this subject, but it was not until the end of that month that we were able to get together, and in between the various demands of each day, set down our thoughts on Co-operative Management.

Much of what had been written on the production and business side, is, what had occurred to us as being of possible use in the larger co-operative unit, and will be somewhat complex for the group of seven to carry through. We do not want to discourage the group of seven. It has made a great contribution to the work in China, and we hope that it will do likewise for India.

Now that India approaches a greater measure of political freedom than she has had for a long time, we hope that the "movement" side of Industrial Co-operation may be developed, and prove to be an inspiration to all who work for People's Industry, in our newer world. Wherever Industrial Co-operation in the villages succeeds, we all succeed.

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Sandan, Kansu,

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