

Address to Co-operative Council

The Producer Co-operative Council met at the premises of MEDOSZ, the Agricultural Workers' Union, on 3rd October. President Dobi, who is also Chairman of the Council, made a speech in which he said that the producer co-operatives had attained considerable results in organisational and economic consolidation. Their production results had again proved the advantages of large-scale co-operative farming. On a national average, the producer co-operatives had harvested 9.2 quintals per hold of wheat as against the general national average of 8.5 quintals. The wheat yield of

collective farms was 1.1 quintals per hold higher than that of individual farms. A good average harvest of row-crops could be expected this year. The production results of collective farms for row-crops were "almost in line with the average results of State farms". With other crops such as sugar-beet and rice, they had surpassed the average of the State farms.

Dobi said that in his experience there are former co-operative members who had left the co-operatives but would now like to rejoin them. "Unfortunately a refusal to admit former co-operative members has become the general practice with the majority of our producer co-operatives and in many instances applicants who have not belonged to a co-operative before are refused admission." A revised version of the plan for pensions and social insurance for co-operatives would shortly be submitted to the competent organs, Dobi announced. (Budapest 21.00, 3.10.57)

The Co-operatives' Balance Sheets: Too Little Cash

Pal Gulyas, writing in 'Nepszabadsag', discussed the drawing-up of balance sheets, about to take place on 2,572 producer co-operatives farming on 1,200,000 holds of land and embracing 125,000 members. The results promised to be good, although in cattle breeding and in the production of marketable produce there were "factors hampering an increase of the co-operatives' cash income". Little marketable produce meant little cash. About 70% of distributed working unit revenue consequently consisted of payments in kind and only about 30 per cent was being paid out in cash. The producer co-operatives must "analyse the condition of their communal property and work out methods by which they can increase their cash revenue". (Hungarian information service 5.10.57)