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PROSPECTUS OF ORGANIZATION

Our Sole Medium of Coordination,  
the Beaconlight for the Economic Rehabilitation,

NORTH AMERICAN COOPERATIVE REHABILITATION

ASSOCIATION, INC.

With the general closing of the War Relocation Centers just three months ahead, and its prerequisite liquidation of Center Cooperative Enterprises even sooner, we, those tens of thousands of us, who have been living a peculiar group life of seclusion for over three years are to return to the hustle-bustle of the free world, each seeking a new home elsewhere to try one's lot anew. We are going to be scattered all over the country. A new sort of community, quite different from what it had been, will be a natural outcome.

We now confront by far the most momentous turning-point ever met. Our future depends upon how firmly we can get together to cope with this difficult situation for the common welfare of us all. Thus herewith, North American Cooperative Rehabilitation Association, Inc. has been brought forth as an essential institution to function for this purpose.



### Its Aims and Activities

- (1) Our coordinating center agency and guiding body for the economic rehabilitation after the closing of relocation centers.
- (2) "Business of the people, by the people, for the people."  
"Help Each Other."  
"Each for all, All for Each."  
These shall be the pervading principles of all our activities.
- (3) Upon the above fundamental spirit the business shall be carried on according to that well tested democratic methods known as the Rochdale Principles:
  - (A) Membership open to all.
  - (B) One vote only for each member.
  - (C) Equal treatment.
  - (D) Limited interest on capital.
  - (E) Patronage refund.
  - (F) Neutral on Race, religion, politics.
  - (G) Constant Cooperative education.
  - (H) Continuous expansion.
- (4) Although there are in this country various Financing facilities under the government control for the people, many an individual often finds it difficult to enjoy the benefit of them for mainly for the lack of technical knowledge. This association shall endeavor to find out ways and means for such benefit for its members.
- (5) Taking charge of management on government owned wartime housing facilities which may be released for the peoples' use in the future.
- (6) After the closing of Relocation Center Co-op, to keep up correspondence with their respective trustees, in order to assist them in the winding up of remaining affairs of liquidation.
- (7) Promoting new organizations for which we may face urgent need after the closing of the Centers, such as Credit Unions and other sorts of financial facilities, agricultural associations, insurance cooperatives, etc.
- (8) Our major activities shall be properly directed at essential matters as the occasion demands along with the development of our new communities. On this reason, a detailed preliminary classification of our business shall be reserved at this time.
- (9) The membership fee shall be \$5.00 per share, one share for one member.



- (10) Certificate of Interest. The association may offer Certificate of Interest of ten dollar (\$10.00) fixed value for sale to members, a nonmember when in the judgment of the board of directors it is to the best interest of the association, provided, however, that any such loan capital designed to finance new type of business must first be authorized by a vote of the membership, or by their delegates.

Revolving Fund Certificate. The association may pay patronage refunds or any portion thereof by means of Revolving Fund Certificates may be used to build up capital or to revolve such capital, and shall be redeemed by the association in the order of their issuance.

Return on Loan Capital. Loan Capital, whether Certificate of Interest or Revolving Fund Certificates, may receive interest at a rate recommended by the Board of Directors and voted by the membership, and its delegates, but such interest shall not exceed six percent per annum.

- (11) This Association shall be organized under the Consumers' Cooperative Act of the District of Columbia.

- (12) For the time being, until the time is ripe enough for activities the membership fee collected shall be deposited with the Topaz Federal Credit Union, Topaz Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah, in the name of the Association, withdrawals only by joint signatures of the Chairman and the Treasurer of the organizing committee, until the Board of Directors is formed, after which by joint signatures of the President and the Treasurer, or any other combination of signatures the Board of Directors may specify in accordance with the by-laws.

- (13) This fund shall be transferred to some reliable bank chosen by the Board of Directors prior to the closing of Topaz Relocation Center.

- (14) The temporary office for the organization shall be at Topaz, Relocation Center with the following mailing address:

COOPERATIVE REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(under organization)

c/o H. S. Nozaka  
28 - 3 - B  
Topaz, Utah

- (15) The Main Office of the Association shall be at San Francisco, California, and branch offices may be established at proper localities, as situation necessitates.



ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

NORTH AMERICAN COOPERATIVE REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Keizaburo Koda	Amache, Colorado
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COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Geo. A. Ochikubo, D.D.S.	Chairman
Keizaburo Koda	Vice-Chairman
H. S. Nozaka	Secretary-Treasurer