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OVERHAUL (cont.)

comings of the Co-op's decision-making process. Steering committee member Mark Larson chaired the meeting and introduced the city commission candidates - Ed Carter, Jack Rose, Jerry Albertson, Muriel Paul, and Barkley Clark - who had come to discuss among other things, the future of the 600 block of Massachusetts St. You had to be there to appreciate it.

March 27 - The committee that had formed at the March 20th meeting distributed its report outlining present problems, alternative solutions, and comparing financial information on Off-the-Wall Hall and our present location. Barry Bunch of the Steering Committee chaired the meeting. In spite of their efforts, the meeting was fraught with general confusion, mis-communication, hostility, and a lack of clarity. Because consensus seemed impossible, several votes were taken. As a result of these votes, the Co-op was to remain in its present location. Two committees were formed - one to plan the re-

modeling and the other to look for sites to buy in the future.

March 30 - The Work Collective met with the Steering Committee, the remodeling committee, and other involved Co-op members. Nearly everyone felt that the meeting of the 27th ended in confusion with no positive direction for action. Also, some bad feelings had surfaced and had not been resolved. To clear up these matters, another general membership meeting was set up for the following Sunday and a telephone campaign was planned to notify all Co-op members.

April 2 - Four persons - Jim Scheurich, Leslie Sayet, Larry Mulhern, and Sharon Lee - had been chosen at the March 30th meeting to plan and chair the meeting. After reviewing the reasons for the meeting, they proposed that a 2/3 majority vote be necessary to carry any decision. Their proposal was accepted. Next, a group of nearly 20 principle characters in the move/stay debate were asked to concisely express their views.

After a break, there were open questions and discussion. Then a vote was taken. An overwhelming majority voted to attempt the move. As a result, two committees were formed. Both need your interest, involvement, and support.

Moving/Remodeling Committee - This group is presently wading through the red tape of buying a commercial building. They are conferring with bank, real estate, and local business people. They are planning how we can best meet the financial requirements facing the Co-op. Should we buy the building, this group will also be planning how Off-the-Wall Hall can be adapted to best suit our needs structurally. If we do not buy the building, this group will plan how to remodel the present location to make the space there more workable and pleasant. If you can help, contact Jim Scheurich at 842-1284 or Ed Scheurich at 842-0488.

Structure/Decision-Making Commit-

tee - This group is examining the power structure and direction of the Co-op and developing proposals that could change both. They are discussing increasing the work requirement, requiring some meeting attendance, closing membership, splitting into two or more Co-ops with perhaps a central warehouse, establishing a worker-controlled community based store, etc. One radical departure from the 2 hour work requirement that they are considering is work teams. As a member of the Co-op, you would belong to a work team in charge of a particular area. For example, if you were on the Cheese team, you and other members of your group would be responsible for ordering, receiving, cutting, and stocking cheese. One member of your team might be your representative to the Steering Committee. This group will be making proposals to the general membership in the future. Don't wait for the presentation; take part in the formulation! Contact Richard Delaware at 841-7163 or Sharon Lee at 842-7952.