

## COFFEE TRADE HOLDS ANNUAL

Representatives from All Sections of the United States Meet in Chicago, June 18-20—To Discuss Many Problems and Elect National Code Authority

THE annual convention of the Associated Coffee Industries of America to be held at the Palmer House, Chicago, June 18-20, promises to be a very busy meeting. The entire coffee trade has been invited to attend, and a permanent Code Authority will be elected. On June 16, all the Regional Chairmen will meet at Chicago where a joint report will be drawn up recommending to the convention the course of future action under the code.

### THE FIRST DAY'S PROGRAM

On Monday, June 18, at the morning session, there will be a joint general trade session reviewing the work and events of the past year, including reports by the officers and management of the association. In the afternoon a general trade session will take place to discuss and determine the policies and activities for the coming year on technical research, import standards, coffee promotion, the matter of the delegation of coffee men going to Brazil in late July as guests of the National Coffee Department, and other problems of trade interest.

### TOPICS ON JUNE 19

On June 19, in the forenoon, specific code problems will be presented with a view to establishing such modification, interpretation and amendments to the code as will represent the needs of the industry. There will be separate sessions for roasters and green coffee men. At the afternoon meeting, officers will be elected, resolutions adopted, and committees for the next convention will be named.

### THE "CODE CONVENTION"

On June 19, both morning and afternoon, at the "code convention" the sessions will be devoted entirely to the completion of the permanent code authority organization. The entire trade has been invited to attend this day's meeting, but no member of the industry who has not paid at least half of the annual code assessments will be permitted to vote or participate in the deliberations.

### ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

The Chicago Coffee Association will have charge of the entertaining of convention delegates. Those attending the meeting will have the opportunity of spending their leisure time at the new 1934 Century of Progress. There will be especially arranged tours of the World's Fair under the guidance of Chicago coffee men. Special plans are also being made to entertain the ladies accompanying convention delegates.

## QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED AT THE CHICAGO COFFEE CONVENTION

June 18, 19 and 20

Does the industry favor continuation of the coffee code?

Does the industry favor some permanent plan for control of competitive practice through industrial self government?

What modifications or additional amendments does the industry desire incorporated in the coffee code?

Shall there be supplementary code provisions applying particularly to green coffee companies?

Who shall constitute the membership of the National Code Authority?

What shall be the recommendations of the industry to producing countries for co-operative coffee promotion?

What subjects for general or technical research are of primary current interest to the coffee industry?

What shall be the policy of the industry on the jute bag tax pending import regulations, and other matters of current trade interest?

On Tuesday evening, June 19, the annual association banquet will be held with special entertainment features.

## BIDS ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Coffee Industries Committee Will Take Action Against All Bids Figured Below Cost of Production

ON June 5th the Associated Coffee Industries of America, New York, sent out the following notice concerning bids on Government contracts: "Many complaints have been filed at this office concerning violations of the code in bidding on a below-cost basis on Government contracts. All bidders should take notice that government and government-supported agencies are not exempt from the cost provisions of the coffee code and that the government has indicated its desire to cooperate with the code authorities in preventing violations of this kind.

"It will be necessary for the Coffee Industries Committee to take formal action against all bids which are obviously below the cost of production. In figuring the cost of production, the Committee will consider the cost of the coffees specified in the government's proposal and will presume that the bidding company intends to deliver coffee strictly up to these specifications.

"Since the Government has cancelled some bids in the coffee industry for reason of code violation