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It has been announced to us that due to the repeated thefts in the Cooperative Store, the Store will be closed evenings and on week-ends until further notice. The Community was informed that this action would be inevitable if people continued to steal, but the warning had no apparent effect on the situation.

Constitutionally, the Store Board does not have to consult the Community in actions concerning Store policy. Although the Board has not yet held an official vote, a straw vote has been taken and a majority of its members agree to the new Store hours. It should be noted that the Board's first responsibility is to the shareholders and that continued thefts may make this year's annual dividends an impossibility.

If the Community is disturbed by this drastic measure, then perhaps something has been achieved. The Community has at least been made aware of a serious problem. Through this awareness, one would hope that the Community can find a solution.

Now seems to be the time to stop concerning ourselves with the principles that underlie the issue (for example: does the Store Manager have a right to establish policy?) and start worrying about the issue ----- THEFT.

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