

## Society News and Notes

The Society for Co-operative Studies has held its fourth Annual General Meeting and Conference: an enjoyable and successful event amid the comfortable surroundings of the University of Nottingham. This issue of the *Bulletin* contains a report of this meeting and of the discussion on the two papers presented. The papers by Mr. K. A. Noble and Mr. L. A. Harrison were printed in *Bulletin No. 12*.

### Future of the Society

The National Officers at a meeting on 20th May reviewed the discussion on the future of the Society along with the guidelines for the future which had been included in their report to the AGM. In the event it was agreed:

(a) *Bulletin*

That while its function as the main communication with members required two or three issues over the year, there should be an effort to make one issue, possibly the one before the AGM, more substantial by the inclusion of longer articles on areas of Co-operative development. This was linked with the later discussion on the prospect of working parties, both national and Sectional, and submission of reports from them to the Annual Conference.

(b) *Working Parties*

That an effort should be made to bring into existence both national and Regional working parties on the following lines:

(i) *National*

That an author should be invited to draft a statement of his views on the future of the Movement over the next ten years: to review this with a national working party, say, at a day or weekend meeting and subsequently to re-draft it for inclusion in the *Bulletin*. It was envisaged that up to £150 should be available from the Society's balance to cover this arrangement.

(ii) *Regional*

That each Region should be offered the sum of £40 towards commissioning a similar statement of both Regional and general interest for discussion at a Regional conference and subsequent revision by the author. It was envisaged that in some Regions additional funds might be available to supplement this allocation and that again the material would be available for publication in the *Bulletin*.

### Subscriptions for 1971/72

Subscriptions for 1971/72 are now due. A letter from the Secretary and Treasurer has been forwarded to all members and we hope you will respond speedily and willingly to his request.