

A FUTURE FOR CONSUMER CO-OPERATION

IN BRITAIN?

Bulletin 45 under the heading Alarm Bells for Co-operative Retailing? Action Stations? noted some of the main immediate reasons for devoting the Special Feature of No. 46 to the "whether and what" of a future for consumer Co-operation in Britain. Six authors now make their contributions: Alex Wilson and T.E. Stephenson set the background from their studies, and sympathetic work, in British Co-operation; A.L. Cook and John Anderson write from their professional experience in Co-operative retailing in England and Scotland; R. Byrom and Lloyd Wilkinson report from their vantage points in the C.W.S. and the Co-operative Union.

All look upon the Co-operative scene "with an auspicious and drooping eye": impressed by past achievement and fearful of the future unless there is agreement on the necessary adaptation to changing conditions and the will to carry it out.

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