

# Democracy in Regional Societies

## A REPORT

The Report of the Working Party on "Democracy in Regional Societies" has now been published. This is a Report to the Education Executive who will be formulating their recommendations for action based upon its proposals in due course.

The terms of reference of the Working Party were as follows:

"Within the framework of the Regional Plan to consider and make recommendations on the organisation and education provisions necessary in a regional society to secure as effective a development as possible of member participation and democratic control."

The Report and recommendations of the Working Party are set out under the following headings:

- 1 Introduction.
- 2 Objective — and Appeal  
What is the general objective of a regional society and, in consequence, the appeal it can exercise for member participation?
- 3 Economic and Social Conditions  
What are the relevant economic and social conditions which now or in the calculable future press upon the democracy of a society and what are their implications?
- 4 Trends within the Movement  
What are the relevant trends within the Movement bearing upon the democracy of societies and again their implications?
- 5 Member Participation  
What are the areas and channels of member participation?
- 6 Structure of Control  
What should be the structure of democratic control in a Regional Society?
- 7 Educational Organisation and Activities  
What educational organisation and activities will contribute best to effective member participation?

The Chairman of the Working Party was Mr. W. E. Lawn, one of the Vice Chairmen of the Society, and one of the members was Mr. T. E. Stephenson, a former Chairman of the Society.

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