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Society Notes

Journal 66 shows its proper preoccupations - primarily with consumer Co-operation but also with other sectors of Co-operative organisation, in this instance workers' Co-operatives, and with the quest generally for 'Co-operation between Co-operators'. This third item is examined in the light, or rather dark, of the prospect of the demise of the Co-operative Development Agency. As in past years, this late summer issue also serves the Conference and AGM of the Society and, in particular, there are the articles "Co-operative Principles - and Employment Practices" which bear on the theme of the Conference and the Report on the Society and the Accounts for 1988-9.

Conference and AGM 1989

The occasion will be at the Co-operative College from 2pm on Friday 8th to 11.45am Saturday 9th September. The Conference addresses the topic "Co-operative Management and the Development of Human Resources". The AGM follows at noon. Requests for information and reservations will be welcomed by Alan Rhodes, Treasurer of the Society, at the address on the inside cover of this Journal.

Future Journals

As the Report on the Society indicates, we shall be glad to have discussion and suggestions at the AGM on the future contents of the Journal: "Through which horn shall I blow for you to hear me?" In the meantime, we plan in Journal 67 to look to the condition of the consumer movement's democracy - the measurements and assessments of it and initiatives that might invigorate it, and also to the organisation of that movement's national services to the retail societies.

Other possibilities, perhaps in the longer term, are a comparison of the capacity of Co-operative organisation compared with other forms, to deal with the factors of production - land, labour and capital -and the response of European Co-operative movements to the change and challenge of 1992.

Farewell and Hall

Dr. Hill, who has written our *Reviews* since Journal 48 in August 1983, is leaving us, and his post at the College, to take up again his psychological consultancy work. We are very grateful to him for the precision of language and orderliness of structure in his pieces and for the perceptiveness which enabled him so often to find a unity of theme in a diversity of material. Now our warm good wishes go with him.

We welcome gratefully and confidently in his place, Malcolm Hornsby, also of the College, whose first *Review* appears below.

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R.L.M.