

SOCIETY NOTES

This Bulletin achieves an ambition we have long nurtured and too long deferred - a survey of agricultural Co-operation in the U.K. and indeed we hope to extend the achievement sometime in the future, with some comparisons from other countries and with some further exploration of the relations among the various sectors of the Co-operative Movement at home. This issue also has the first of two articles by W.P. Watkins on Government and Co-operation in France. And the regular features appear reassuringly: in particular, the section From Readers is encouragingly varied. It is also longer than ever before; we are grateful for the letters, we shall try to print them in full and if they have to be reduced we shall operate on them all with sensitivity. And warm thanks to the Plunkett Foundation and Colin McKone for help in planning the Bulletin.

Next Bulletin and 1982 Conference

The main theme of Bulletin 45 will be "Co-operation among Co-operatives" and this will also be the topic of the 1982 Annual Conference, which, along with the A.G.M. of the Society, will be held at Stanford Hall on Friday and Saturday 24/25th September.

Candidates for your Reading List

With the indulgence of Stephen Drodge who is concentrating his Review in this issue on Co-operative journals, we mention one or two items worth inclusion in your reading list. First, copies of the Hodgson Pratt Memorial Lectures organised by the Education Department of the Co-operative Union in association with the Society are available from the Department at Stanford Hall, Loughborough, Leics LE12 5QR:-

"The Webbs, the Coles and Co-operation" (1981)
by Professor Royden Harrison : 75p each including postage - 70p per copy for orders of ten or more.

"The Co-operative Ideal - Then and Now" (1980)
by Professor S. Pollard : 50p each including postage.

Secondly, "Mondragon: An Economic Analysis" by Henk Thomas and Chris Logan is a distinctive treatment of this much-cultivated topic. They are vigorously analytical, comprehensive in dealing with various aspects of Mondragon and prepared to match their claims with the supporting evidence. It is part of the programme of the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, and published by Allen and Unwin at £12.00.

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