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### INTRODUCTION

**D**ESPITE the disappointing result of the General Election, the Society had a relatively successful year. Membership increased, reversing last year's trend, and sales of pamphlets were higher than they have been for many years past.

The role of the Fabian Society in the aftermath of the third consecutive defeat of the Labour Party at a General Election is clearly different from its function when a Labour Government may be imminent. The pamphlets published after the General Election, in the year covered by this Report, have reflected that change of role. The new series 'Socialism in the Sixties' has dealt with the long-term future of the Labour Party, the changing pattern of national and international society that it will encounter, and the analysis of what is objectionable in contemporary society. The series, which has included such Fabian best-sellers as *Casualties of the Welfare State*, *The Irresponsible Society*, and *Labour in the Affluent Society*, has attracted a great deal of publicity, including discussions on the radio and television, a full centre-page article in *The Observer*, and many leading articles in national newspapers.

Side by side with this, the Society has continued to produce research pamphlets, outlining practical problems and proposing practical solutions. The advocacy of particular reforms, with the aim of influencing the Government, has long been a function of the Society, and is not less essential in these Opposition years.

A Young Fabian Group was established during the year to run functions for younger members, and to produce three pamphlets of its own each year. A discussion group on public ownership was also started, with good support from Fabians, and one or two other groups were planned.

To match this new activity with the necessary funds, a £5,000 appeal was launched, to which members responded generously. By the end of the year, the halfway mark had been reached. Increases in costs have made the problem of balancing the Society's income with its expenditure a continuing problem, and the maintenance and further extension of activities will depend upon a substantial and permanent improvement in the Society's income.

In carrying on the work it has undertaken, work which is essential if the philosophy and standpoint of social democracy are to be upheld, the Society owes a great deal to those who write for it, speak for it and work for it without any reward other than the knowledge that, without them, it could not continue.

## MEMBERSHIP

Despite the decline in support for the Labour Party which was manifested at the General Election, individual membership of the Society improved. The increase was registered in the more expensive 50s. and 60s. categories; membership at lower rates continued to decline. There was also a welcome improvement in the number of Labour Parties, Co-operative Societies and Trade Unions subscribing.

The proportion of young people joining was well maintained, and a number of new members expressed interest in belonging to the Young Fabians Group.

Membership of local societies showed a further decline. Several societies ceased activities during the Election and did not start again. However, reorganisation and re-formation has led to a number of new societies being established.

### Membership Figures at 30th June

	1959	1960	Change		
NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS					
Full Members ... ..	2530	2586	+ 56		
Associates ... ..	102	91	- 11		
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	20s.	30s.	50s.	60s.	Total
New Members ... ..	105	30	33	159	336
Resignations, etc. ... ..	108	75	23	85	291
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	- 3	- 36	+ 10	+ 74	+ 45
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SUBSCRIBING BODIES					
Labour Parties, Co-ops., Trade Unions	152	173	+ 21		
Libraries, etc. ... ..	88	79	- 9		
BUREAUX MEMBERS					
Commonwealth Bureau ... ..	254	220	- 34		
International Bureau ... ..	53	56	+ 3		

## GENERAL

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members Elected: John Diamond (Honorary Treasurer, unopposed) and (in order of ballot) A. Wedgwood Benn, Brian Abel-Smith, Roy Jenkins, Ritchie Calder, Eirene White, Peter Townsend, C. A. R. Crosland, Margaret Cole, Arthur Skeffington, H. D. Hughes, John Parker, Denis Healey, Austen Albu, Mary Stewart, Shirley Williams, Peggy Jay, Lord Faringdon.

Members Co-opted: R. H. S. Crossman, Robert Neild, Reginald Prentice, Michael Shanks, Peter Shore, George Thomson. Stephen Hatch, Chairman of the Young Fabians Group, was co-opted in April to fill the place vacated by the resignation of Shirley Williams.

### COMMITTEES

Members of the Committees appointed by the Executive Committee are listed in Appendix 'A'.

### DELEGATES

Labour Party Conference: W. T. Rodgers.

London Labour Party Conference: Arthur Skeffington, M.P.

London Labour Party Executive Committee: Arthur Skeffington, M.P.

### OFFICERS

H. D. Hughes was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, Lord Faringdon Vice-Chairman, and John Parker Honorary Secretary. John Diamond, M.P., had already been returned as Honorary Treasurer in the Annual Ballot.

### STAFF

There were eleven full-time and three part-time members of the staff. In April, W. T. RODGERS resigned as General Secretary after nearly eight years with the Society, both in that capacity and previously as Assistant Secretary. His vigour and enthusiasm did much to maintain the Society's work and influence through a difficult period. SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, his successor, is already well known to members through her writings and as a member of the Executive. R. L. LEONARD, the Assistant Secretary, is also leaving the Society's employment after five years' excellent service.

CATHERINE HOSKYNS left after a year as Assistant Secretary of the Commonwealth Bureau, and was succeeded by MARGARET ROBERTS.

ROSEMARY SPIRA and THEA VIGNE also left the Society during the year; they were replaced by BEATRICE FEDER and LEONORA KAYE.

The Executive Committee wishes to thank these and other members of the Staff for their devoted service to the Society.

## VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE

The Executive Committee would like to thank those members who gave valuable and much-appreciated voluntary help during the year, in particular Mr. Holman for regular assistance in the general office, and Renee Ayer, Muriel Pease, Mary Winchester, Mr. Bradbury and Mrs. Scholefield Allen for their work for the Commonwealth Bureau. The Local Societies Committee would like to thank Gabriel Newfield and H. J. Boyden, M.P., for their help.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at the London University Institute of Education on Saturday, 5th December, 1959. The Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts were accepted. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Pegg, Robertson and Co. for their services as Honorary Auditors was carried unanimously, and they were asked to serve for 1959-1960.

An amendment to *Rule 2* of the Society's Rules was proposed by Anthony Wedgwood Benn and carried by the necessary majority of three-quarters of those present and voting. The amendment was an addition to the first paragraph of *Rule 2*, as follows:

'It also aims at the implementation of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It seeks the creation of effective international institutions to uphold and enforce world peace'.

## REGIONAL MEETINGS

A Regional Members' meeting to discuss the work of the Society and to hear members' comments and suggestions, was held in Leeds in November. The Chairman and the General Secretary attended.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS, 1959

Two weeks of Summer Schools were held, as well as a fortnight's school in Germany. The first, at Wiston House, Steyning, was entitled 'Democracy in Danger'. Lecturers were R. H. S. Crossman, M.P., Desmond Donnelly, M.P., J. Halcro Ferguson, Leon Ma Guerrero, Paul Ignotus, Colin Jackson, Dorothy Pickles, Peter Wiles and David Williams. James Johnson was Director and Alison Lough was Secretary.

The second week at Collington Rise, Bexhill, was a family school, a successful new departure. The subject was 'The Changing Face of Britain'. Lecturers were E. R. Braithwaite, C. A. R. Crosland, David Davies, Oleg Kerensky, W. T. Rodgers, Gordon Rose, Raymond Williams, Sir W. E. Williams and Peter Willmott. George Thomson, M.P., was Director and Grace Thomson was Secretary. There were 101 full-time students, of whom 22 were children, and 18 part-time.

The German Summer School was held at Bergneustadt, near Cologne. The programme of lectures and visits was arranged by the Friedrich-Ebert Institute. The Director was John Parker, M.P., and Zena Parker was Secretary. There were 25 students.



## WEEK-END SCHOOLS

Four week-end schools were held with a total attendance of 250. The New Year School at Beatrice Webb House, Dorking, was entitled 'Equality through Social Policy'. The Director was Peter Townsend and the lecturers were Brian Abel-Smith, Karel Reisz, John Vaizey and Barbara Wootton.

The Spring School on 'The Future of Socialism' was held at Alston Hall, near Preston. H. D. Hughes directed and the lecturers were Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Prof. W. J. M. Mackenzie and H. A. Turner.

The Easter School, held at Beatrice Webb House, was entitled 'Socialism and Industry'. Reg Prentice, M.P., directed and lectures were given by Lisl Klein, Robert Neild, Michael Shanks and Peter Shore.

The Under Thirties School, arranged by the Young Fabians Group, was held at The Hallams, near Guildford. The subject was 'Socialism in Action', and the Director was Stephen Hatch. Lectures were given by Brian Abel-Smith, Ray Gosling, Stuart Hampshire, Alan Lovell and Leo de Syllas.

## AUTUMN LECTURES

The 1959 series of four Autumn Lectures, held in the immediate aftermath of the General Election, was entitled 'Socialism in the Sixties'. The lecturers were Roy Jenkins, M.P., on 'The Future of the Labour Party', P. M. S. Blackett on 'The Future of British Defence Policy', R. M. Titmuss on 'The Irresponsible Society' and R. H. S. Crossman, M.P., on 'Labour in the Affluent Society'. The series was held in conjunction with the Central London Fabian Society, and the average attendance was over 250. Two of the lectures were later published as pamphlets.

## SPRING LECTURES

Following the abnormal success of the Autumn lectures, an additional series of four lectures were held in the Spring, entitled 'Forward to 1964'. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, M.P., lectured on 'Mass Communications and Political Power', Kenneth Younger on 'Britain's Role in a Changing World', Sydney Jacobson on 'What's Wrong with the Labour Image?' and C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., on 'Can Labour Win?'. The average attendance was 125. Two of the lectures were published.

Series of Spring Lectures were also held at Cardiff, Gloucester, Grimsby and Leeds in conjunction with the Local Societies there. John Diamond, M.P., Ritchie Calder, Shirley Williams and Reg. Prentice, M.P., spoke at Cardiff and Gloucester and C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., Arthur Skeffington, M.P., James MacColl, M.P., and Sidney Silverman, M.P., at Grimsby and Leeds. The average attendance was 60 at Cardiff and Grimsby, 55 at Leeds and 35 at Gloucester.

## YOUNG FABIANS GROUP

Following informal discussions with a number of younger members and others, a Young Fabians Group, open to Socialists under the age of

thirty, was founded in May. An interim committee was appointed by the Executive Committee. This Committee, which has appointed its own officers and has drawn up a constitution for the Group, will serve until November, 1960, when a new Committee will be elected by the members and subscribers of the Group. The Group will receive financial and clerical help from the Society, but will be responsible for its own policy and activities, subject to conditions approved by the Executive Committee. The aim of the Group is to give younger Socialists an opportunity to carry out research, discussion and propaganda upon contemporary problems which they consider important. The Group was responsible for the 1960 Under Thirties School, has set up study groups on a variety of subjects, and hopes to be able to publish three pamphlets a year. An exchange visit to Eastern Europe is planned in 1961.

### BOOKSHOP

While sales of books and general literature remained at about the previous level, demand for Fabian pamphlets, for which the bookshop acts as the main point of sale and as a postal order department, rose remarkably during the year. Bookshop revenue on the Fabian account rose by 70 per cent. to nearly £1,300. The major contribution to this impressive increase was made by pamphlets in the Socialism in the Sixties series, notably Audrey Harvey's *Casualties of the Welfare State*, Richard Titmuss's *Irresponsible Society*, and R. H. S. Crossman's *Labour in the Affluent Society*.

In the general literature section of the Bookshop's trade, paper-backs continued to increase their share. Such titles as *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* and *The Hidden Persuaders*, both in paper-back editions, attracted a good many customers. The Bookshop maintained its policy of stocking mainly books dealing with politics, economics and social questions, but a number of customers used it as a means of ordering books of all kinds by keeping an account. The range of periodicals on sale was very wide, particularly the publications of various Socialist bodies, including *Socialist Commentary*, *The New Statesman*, *Tribune*, *The New Left Review*, pamphlets of the Union of Democratic Control, etc.

The Bookshop would, of course, welcome more customers, either in person or by post, and would benefit still more if a greater number of Fabians used it whenever possible.

### PUBLICATIONS

Fourteen pamphlets were published, and also a special Tract *Where?*, a symposium on Labour's policy after a third consecutive defeat at a General Election. Over 25,000 copies of these fifteen publications were sent free to members. Sales of pamphlets during the year amounted to over 18,000. Although there was only one issue of *Fabian Journal* in place of the three of the year before, distribution of Fabian material was well maintained, a total of 91,781 copies of pamphlets and journals being distributed, including *Fabian News* and *Venture*.

137 newspapers and journals mentioned Fabian pamphlets during the year one or more times. Three full page spreads on Fabian pamphlets appeared in *Tribune*, and one each in the *New Statesman*, the *Daily Herald* and *Labour Woman*. Fourteen leaders were about Fabian pamphlets, and these appeared in *The Guardian*, *The Times*, the *Daily Telegraph* and several provincial newspapers. Apart from the national newspapers, all of whom reviewed Fabian pamphlets, there was as usual a great deal of comment in more specialised journals. Among these were the *Church Times*, the *Estates Gazette*, the *Stock Exchange Gazette*, the Industrial Welfare Society's journal, *Nature*, the *Railway Review* and the *Architects' Journal*. Fabian pamphlets received more publicity than for several years past, and seem to have reached a new public hitherto not familiar with them.

*Fabian News* was published monthly, carrying news of schools, meetings and other events, book reviews, reports of activities and an occasional article. Only one issue of *Fabian Journal* appeared during the year, in July, 1959. It was then decided that *Fabian Journal* should be temporarily suspended, and the money saved thereby should be spent on controversial pamphlets. The last issue contained articles on 'Why I Shall Vote Labour' by Angus Wilson, 'What Sort of Radical Party?' by W. T. Rodgers, 'Public Capital and Private Enterprise' by Douglas Jay, M.P., 'The Trade Unions and European Free Trade' by Colin Beever, and a review of *New Fabian Colonial Essays* by Colin Leys.

The suspension of the Journal enabled the Society to publish *Where?* in November, 1959. Contributors to this enlarged and handsome Tract were Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Alan Birch, Douglas Jay, Robert Neild and Ralph Samuel.

During the year the following were published:

### Research Series

209. *The Universities: A Royal Commission?* Graeme Moodie.
210. *A United Nations Police Force?* David Ennals.
211. *Restraining Urban Growth.* J. B. Cullingworth.
212. *Tanganyika in Transition.* Arthur Skeffington.
213. *The Malayan Experiment.* John Lowe.
214. *The Future of Adult Education.* Mabel Tylecote.
215. *Central Africa: The Economics of Inequality.* Shirley Williams.

### Tracts

318. *Commercial Television: What Is To Be Done?* Christopher Mayhew.
319. *Reform of the Commons.* Bernard Crick.
320. *Where?* Five views on Labour's Future.
321. *Casualties of the Welfare State.* Audrey Harvey.
322. *The Race against the H Bomb.* Denis Healey.
323. *The Irresponsible Society.* Richard Titmuss.
324. *Can Labour Win?* Anthony Crosland.
325. *Labour in the Affluent Society.* R. H. S. Crossman.

**Others**

*Fabian Journal*. One issue.  
*Fabian News*. Eleven issues.  
*Venture*. Eleven issues.  
*76th Annual Report*.

## HOME RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

*Chairman*: **H. D. Hughes**

*Secretary*: **Shirley Williams**

Six pamphlets were published as a direct result of the Department's work. The number was slightly smaller than in 1958/59, owing to the General Election and its aftermath, and the decision to spend rather more of the Society's resources on Fabian Tracts.

Of the two pamphlets on education, one dealt with the universities, the first on this subject for twelve years. In *The Universities—A Royal Commission?* Graeme Moodie described the growing need for graduates and the difficulty of expanding the present universities, and outlined the subjects a Royal Commission should inquire into. Mabel Tylecote, in the Society's only recent pamphlet in the field, *The Future of Adult Education*, showed how facilities might be expanded to meet the demand for education from those with little formal schooling, for instance, housewives and retired people, and the ways in which mass communication might be more effectively used.

The group of pamphlets on planning policy was rounded off by the publication of *Restraining Urban Growth* by J. B. Cullingworth, an examination of the problem of overspill. At the end of the year, a draft on housing needs was being prepared.

*Commercial Television—What Is To Be Done?* by Christopher Mayhew, showed how the safeguards of the Television Act have been overcome by the contractors. Means were proposed of raising the standards of commercial television, and strengthening public service television.

A pamphlet that attracted a good deal of publicity was Bernard Crick's *Reform of the Commons*. After criticising the inefficiency of Parliament, he recommended much more clerical assistance for M.P.s, research facilities, priority to be given to the Parliamentary job, and the establishment of standing specialised committees to maintain closer supervision of public policy.

Audrey Harvey wrote the second pamphlet in the highly successful 'Socialism in the Sixties' series, *Casualties of the Welfare State*. This, one of the Society's best sellers, was very widely reviewed, and Mrs. Harvey was interviewed on television.

At the end of the year a draft on apprenticeship was ready for publication. Other drafts on monopolies and restrictive practices, the after-care of prisoners, the future of nationalisation, status in industry, transport policy, Socialism and the Arts, the education of teen-age girls, the City of London, and the Trade Unions, were in course of preparation.

A small private group met regularly to discuss the nationalised industries, and it was decided to go ahead with work on a book on this subject, of which Michael Shanks was appointed editor.

Two informal groups were set up to help the Home Research Committee in finding authors and met from time to time throughout the year. One dealt with social services, the other with the problems of industry and the economy. Both groups have submitted proposals for long-term projects to the Committee.

## COMMONWEALTH BUREAU

*Chairman:* Arthur Creech Jones

*Secretary:* Hilda Selwyn-Clarke

The year has been one of rapid constitutional advance in Africa, culminating in the independence of the British Trust Territory of Somaliland on June 28th, and its union with Italian Somalia to form the Somali Republic on June 30th. Dates have been set for the independence of Nigeria and Sierra Leone and for a plebiscite for the British Cameroons. In East Africa the year has witnessed important constitutional changes, reflecting the recognition by the British Government of the irresistible 'wind of change' engendered by African demands for independence. Tanganyika will achieve internal self-government in September, while the Lancaster House Conference on Kenya's future represents a very important advance. Elsewhere, the trend is the same; independence for Cyprus is in view, full internal self-government was agreed for Trinidad and progress was made elsewhere, including in Basutoland and the Gambia. The 'wind of change' and its recognition by the British Government are warmly welcomed by the Bureau.

Nevertheless, the problems of 'settler' Africa, particularly Central Africa and Kenya, continued to occupy much of the Bureau's attention. In July, 1959, a Bureau Conference on Central Africa was addressed by Bernard Chidzero, Austen Albu, M.P., and Dingle Foot, M.P., and its discussions and conclusions were published in a special issue of *Venture*. 3,000 copies of this Report were circulated by the Labour Party and widely distributed in Central Africa.

**Publications:** Shirley Williams' pamphlet *Central Africa: the Economics of Inequality* was published in June, 1960, and copies were sent to the Monckton Commission for their information. The pamphlet evaluated the benefits which have accrued to the three territories of Central Africa as a result of their federation, and concluded that 'there is no reason to believe that Nyasaland would suffer, on balance, if the Federation came to an end.'

A pamphlet by Arthur Skeffington, M.P., *Tanganyika in Transition*, was published in January. It presents the progress of a territory in which the problems of inter-racial conflict have largely been overcome and where the main difficulties stem from poverty and the dearth of capital resources.

In March *The Malayan Experiment* by John Lowe was published jointly with the International Bureau. The pamphlet deals with the urgent necessity to build understanding between the Malay and Chinese populations of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore.

A pamphlet has been written by Terence Ranger on Southern Rhodesia which we hope will be published in September.

Eleven issues of *Venture* were published, including a special issue on Education in the Commonwealth in April. Articles have included:

- 'Two years of Malayan Independence' by John and Christine Dore;
- 'Why Congress was Banned' (Southern Rhodesia) by Joshua Nkomo;

- 'The All-African Peoples Conference' by Catherine Hoskyns ;
- 'Analysis of Empire' by A. Creech Jones, M.P. ;
- 'Nyasaland: an Appeal to Britain' by Orton Chirwa ;
- 'New Hope in Kenya' by Hilary Marquand, M.P.

**Research :** The basic research for the study project on the co-operative system in the colonies was completed in the autumn and a meeting of the Working Party governing this was held on 15th October, 1959, to determine the use to which the material should be put. It was agreed that the material should be published in two forms: the Co-operative Party agreed to make itself responsible for one or more popular pamphlets, and the Committee assigned to Mr. Betts, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Bureau, the task of preparation of a book on the subject. The manuscript of this book had reached an advanced stage by the end of the year, and it is intended to press forward with publication as soon as possible.

A research paper on the land question in Kenya was prepared in May, 1960, and studied by members of the Bureau Committee in June. After some modification by a small sub-committee which has been set up, it is proposed to circulate this shortly to key members in East Africa and to others who are interested.

Parliamentary work was maintained on widely different subjects and territories, including elections in Nairobi, the dismissal of Nyasaland civil servants, the Bahamas, the Cameroons, resettlement schemes in Northern Rhodesia, Kenya land problem, labour in Bechuanaland, the Economic Commission to Mauritius, constitutional progress in Bechuanaland, malnutrition in Ndola and the relative costs of technical education in the colonies and Britain. The Bureau continued also to brief M.P.s on Commonwealth and colonial subjects.

Correspondence was maintained with overseas members; and members and delegations from the Cameroons, Singapore, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, South Africa, Kenya, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Somaliland, Nigeria, Mauritius, British Guiana, South-West Africa, Antigua and the West Indian Federation were entertained or received in the office.

It was decided in the course of the year to organise a series of lectures and discussions for Commonwealth and colonial students on the application of socialism in economically under-developed countries. As more and more British colonies become independent, it is clear that the emphasis of the Bureau will shift from the problems of freedom from foreign rule to those of democracy, welfare and stability within independent states. Students from the colonies have expressed an interest in discussing the application of socialist ideas to these problems, and the Bureau intends to initiate a series of such discussions.

The Assistant Secretary, Miss Catherine Hoskyns, left the Bureau in the last week of June, and our grateful thanks are due to her for 18 months' valuable service.

Miss Margaret Roberts was appointed to succeed her in June.

We are very grateful for the help of voluntary assistants, who are mentioned elsewhere.

## INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Chairman: **Denis Healey**

Secretary: **R. L. Leonard**

There was a slight reduction in the level of activities and publications of the Bureau during the year, mainly due to the incidence of the General Election. Three pamphlets were published:

*A United Nations Police Force?* by David Ennals assessed the role played by the United Nations Emergency Force on the borders of Egypt and Israel, and strongly urged the establishment of a permanent force.

*The Race Against the H-Bomb* by Denis Healey argued that the new technology of warfare had ruled out the hope of national security except through the international control of armaments and that the most urgent problem facing mankind was to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. It asserted that the time would come for Britain to make a decisive contribution towards persuading others to accept the international control of atomic weapons capacity by offering to surrender her own nuclear stockpile.

*The Malayan Experiment* by John Lowe (published in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bureau) traced the development of Malaya towards independence and described the principal problems which it now faces. It emphasised the importance of achieving racial harmony and of achieving eventual union with Singapore.

At the end of the year the Bureau was about to publish *Britain's Role in a Changing World* by Kenneth Younger, and a pamphlet on the Middle East was nearly ready to go to press. Other subjects on which work was well advanced were Japan, Britain and Europe, and America after Eisenhower. Pamphlets on China, the Indian Economy, French Africa and the Freedom of the Press are being prepared, and a pamphlet on Relations between the Soviet Union and Satellites has been promised. A series of pamphlets comparing achievements of public ownership in various European countries was also planned, and a number of other studies were proceeding. As in previous years, the principal obstacle to increasing the number of publications was the difficulty in finding suitably qualified authors.

A public meeting on Nuclear Disarmament was held in February, 1960. The speakers were Wayland Young, Humphry Berkeley, M.P., Denis Healey, M.P., and Charles Taylor.

Private members' meetings continued to be held at the House of Commons. Stephen Thomas spoke on Problems of the Reunion of Germany, General Humberto Delgado on Portugal Today, Dr. Karlheinz Abshagen on Anglo-German Relations and Professor Michio Nagai on Modern Politics in Japan.

A number of overseas visitors were welcomed during the year, and information and advice were given to members who consulted the Bureau.



## LOCAL SOCIETIES

*Chairman:* Arthur Skeffington

*Secretary:* Dorothy Fox

The financial year of Local Societies runs from 1st April to 31st March. Comparative membership figures (affiliation fees fully paid) for the last three years are:—

1st April, 1957—31st March, 1958	...	2,579 (84 Societies)
1st April, 1958—31st March, 1959	...	2,168 (86 Societies)
1st April, 1959—31st March, 1960	...	1,926 (77 Societies)

In this period nine Societies ceased to hold meetings:—Dover, Holyhead, Huyton, Kensington, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Watford (since re-formed), Wimbledon (merged with Malden) and Worcester.

Seven Societies were recognised: Epsom (re-formed), Bridgwater, North Berks., Portsmouth, Preston (re-formed), Watford (re-formed) and York (re-formed).

### Meetings

In place of the usual Summer Tea Party, a Wine and Cheese Party was held at 11, Dartmouth Street.

The conference for Local Society members, which is held every year, took place in March at Oxford, with Arthur Skeffington as Director, and Peggy Crane, Edmund Dell and Percy Clark as speakers.

Regional Lectures were held in Grimsby/Leeds and Cardiff/Gloucester. The speakers included Ritchie Calder, C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., John Diamond, M.P., James MacColl, M.P., R. C. Prentice, M.P., Sidney Silverman, M.P., Arthur Skeffington, M.P., and Shirley Williams.

At the Local Societies meeting on the morning of the Society's A.G.M., Shirley Williams introduced a discussion on future plans, in the light of the political situation following the General Election and in particular the consequences for the Labour Party of local problems and the attitude and behaviour of Labour Groups in local government.

### Regional Committees

Regional Committees continued to do useful work. The annual Scottish week-end school was attended by the secretary of the Local Societies Committee. John Strachey and John Diamond were the speakers, and George Thomson was the Director.

In other regions an informal organisation has been established in the East Midlands. In the North-West a number of Local Society members attended the National Society's week-end school at Alston Hall. The Secretary of the Local Societies Committee was also present. A Day School on nuclear disarmament was held in the Northern Region. The annual meeting of the South-West Region was attended by W. T. Rodgers. In Leeds, a meeting for Local Society members preceded one for National members.

No Local Societies Tea Meeting was held during the Labour Party Conference, as this was confined to two days.

### Research

A questionnaire on the relations between Landlords and Tenants, prepared by Shirley Williams in consultation with Gabriel Newfield and Peggy Crane, was sent out to 25 Societies and to a number of individuals.

Several Societies undertook their own local research projects. *e.g.* Aberdeen on Electioneering Methods in Municipal Affairs; Norwich produced a detailed and comprehensive plan for the re-development of an area in that city.

### Future Developments

We hope to have a study guide on the principle of social responsibility from Dick Taverne by next autumn, and arrangements are being made for a Local Government Conference in November. Arrangements are also being made for a Local Societies meeting at the Labour Party Annual Conference, at which Anthony Crosland, M.P., and R. H. S. Crossman, M.P., have agreed to speak.

### Conclusion

The Secretary of the Local Societies tries to visit regional gatherings from time to time, but there is a great deal that could be done if younger members of the Executive Committee and Local Societies Committee could give occasional week-ends in which two or three lectures could be arranged for individual societies—the way that regional series are arranged.

Societies during the past few years have owed a great deal to the interest shown by W. T. Rodgers.

Most of those associated with Local Society activities believe their work was never more important. The need for informed discussion within the Movement, both with members of the Labour Party and other interests, was never more necessary. The Fabian tradition of attempting solutions which meet the facts is needed more than ever. Some 200 people outside London make our Local Societies possible, and we are grateful to them. As a result of their work, some 800 Fabian meetings were held—a little less than in 1958 because of the Election. Local Societies ensure knowledge and discussion of Fabian publications. Moreover, they are a guarantee that Fabianism is not confined to London.

## OBITUARY

As usual, the Fabian habit of long-standing membership over the years has taken its toll with the deaths of many of the Society's oldest friends and supporters.

PERCIVAL CHUBB, one of the original founder-members of 1884, died in February at St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of 99. As a young local government clerk he organised the Fellowship of the New Life, out of which the Fabian Society developed; he later emigrated to America and became head of the Ethical Church in New York. LORD AMMON died in April after more than fifty years' membership. A former Post Office worker and General Secretary of the Fawcett Association, which was amalgamated in the Union of Post Office Workers, Charles Ammon was M.P. for North Camberwell from 1922-31 and 1935-44; Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty in 1924 and 1929-31; Chairman of the L.C.C. 1941-42; and Chairman of the National Dock Labour Corporation 1944-50. A conscientious objector of the first world war, GUY KEELING joined the Society in 1923 and was one-time editor of *The Spur*; he was a member of the early Labour Research Department.

Mrs. C. D. CORBETT-FISHER came of a well-known Liberal family but went over to Labour and helped to found the early local parties in Sussex; she also served as a magistrate. LILIAN ROBERTSON was daughter of the Duke of Grafton but never used her title; she was wife of the life-long Fabian and Chairman of the L.C.C., Charles Robertson, and was well known for her social work. Mrs. H. L. RADLEY, one of the earliest surviving members, joined the Society in 1902; she attended the first summer school in 1907, and was present at the 75th anniversary reception in February, 1959. Also a veteran of the early summer schools was Mrs. J. D. LYNCH. Another very old member was A. E. LAUDER, a former local government officer, member of the Executive Committee, and author of several Fabian tracts.

Parliamentary losses were sustained with the deaths of JOHN EDWARDS, M.P. for Brighouse and Spensborough, and a former Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Board of Trade; and R. W. G. MACKAY, a keen world Federalist, who had been M.P. for Hull and Reading. Mrs. E. H. ADAMS was widow of the Fabian and M.P. for East Newcastle, David Adams. F. J. SAYER, a Liverpool baker, had been an active Merseyside Fabian for many years. Dr. L. F. BROWNE was one of the founders of the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, a former Chairman of the L.C.C. Special Schools Committee and an alderman of St. Pancras Borough Council. The Commonwealth Bureau has lost the valued support of G. A. CHESHIRE, R. O. MENNELL and H. A. W. MORRICE, who was irrigation adviser to the Sudan Government.

We have also to record with regret the loss of: P. H. ARCHER, P. G. ECKFORD, S. T. FARNES, Dr. CECIL GORDON, S. GRANTHAM, Dr. A. MORLEY DAVIES, A. L. MURRAY, E. SCALA and G. TAGGART.

## HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

We did not incur the anticipated large deficit in the year to June, 1960, for the best possible reason—several of the pamphlets we published were of such high quality that they sold remarkably well. As a result, the profit from the Bookshop rose by £600 as compared with the previous year, which was itself a good year. The final deficit of £82 can be regarded as a manageable figure.

But we really cannot hope to repeat these exceptional Bookshop sales; and the best estimate I can make for the current year is that, without increasing our activities or our expenditure, the Society's deficit will be more than £500.

Now this is not a manageable figure. Even after taking into account the results of the Special Appeal, we still have a substantial overdraft and are, therefore, quite unable to contemplate deficits of that order. It is inevitable that we should look to subscriptions to provide additional income, and having regard to the unanimity with which the members present at the Annual General Meeting pressed this view on me last year, I have little doubt that the principle of increasing subscription rates will be approved at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The details which have been fully described in *Fabian News* may well stimulate a very interesting discussion.

It is to be hoped, too, that those who are kind enough to support us with their donations may equally be prepared to consider increasing the amount of their help, even though they have been most generous to us over many years. I should like, particularly, to thank those who helped us during the past year, including the Passfield Trust, the Noel Buxton Trust and the following trade unions: Transport and General Workers, General and Municipal, National Union of Mineworkers (through its areas), Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers, Amalgamated Engineering Union, Union of Post Office Workers, National Union of Public Employees, Transport Salaried Staffs Association, National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper Workers, National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, Confederation of Health Service Employees, Amalgamated Weavers Association, Sheet Metal Workers, Boot and Shoe Operatives, Musicians Union, Agricultural Workers and United Society of Boilermakers, Shipbuilders and Structural Workers. In addition help from the Labour Party and Trade Union Congress was renewed.

The net cost of our various activities during 1959-60 was, in round figures, £10,000, and the following table shows the usual breakdown:—

	£	£	£
	1959-60	1958-59	1957-58
	£	£	£
Commonwealth Bureau ...	3,250	3,500	3,500
International Bureau ...	1,250	1,250	1,000
Home Research ...	3,800	3,000	3,000
Bookshop ...	450	1,000	750
Schools, etc. ...	1,250	1,250	1,250
	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>£9,500</u>

Once again, I delight in recording my appreciation of the energy and loyalty of the Society's staff. I must pay a special tribute to Bill Rodgers with whom I worked in close and harmonious association for so many years. Most of us will be aware of his many qualities as a speaker, a writer and an organiser of research work. What was borne in on me was, in addition, his great ability as an administrator.

I am very grateful to Mr. J. Ian Robertson of Messrs. Pegg, Robertson and Co., for continuing to act as the Society's Honorary Auditor, and I should like to add a special word of thanks to all those who have subscribed to our Special Appeal.

JOHN DIAMOND.

**BALANCE SHEET AS**

		LIABILITIES											
1959								£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£	Sundry Funds—												
1000	Edwards Bequest Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000	0	0			
12	Scholarship Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	9	0			
10	Women's Group Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	8	10			
71	L.S.C. Development Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	13	3			
77	Pease Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	5	0			
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1170													
2184	Sundry Creditors ...	...	...	...	...	...	...				3242	14	3
5410	Bank Overdraft ...	...	...	...	...	...	...				2815	16	10
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£8,764											£7191 7 2		

We have examined the Accounts of the Fabian Society for the year ended 30th, June, we have required. We certify that the Balance Sheet above set forth is properly drawn up so of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the Society's books.

28th September, 1960.

12, Coleman Street,  
London, E.C.2.

**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE**

		EXPENDITURE											
1959								£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£	Administration Expenses—												
6497	Salaries and Allowances ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6906	14	10			
256	State Insurance ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	264	8	0			
220	Pensions ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	0	0			
136	Travel and Entertainment ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	16	4			
450	General Office Expenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	607	11	7			
57	Research Grants and Subscriptions Payable ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	14	11			
463	General Stationery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	530	8	1			
179	Telephone ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	195	11	5			
860	Postage ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	941	17	1			
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9118													
	Establishment Charges—												
501	Rates, Lighting, Heating, Income Tax ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	464	10	5			
281	Maintenance and Cleaning ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	359	11	9			
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782													
1481	Publications: Free Issues ...	...	...	...	...	...	...				1505	17	3
	Other Expenses—												
189	Interest on Overdraft ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182	0	11			
111	Affiliation Fees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112	17	0			
<hr/>											294	17	11
300													
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£11681													

## AT 30th JUNE, 1960

		ASSETS						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1959													
£	Fixed Assets—												
—	Bernard Shaw	Gift	Fund	Freehold	Property	(not valued)							
329	Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	328	18	4				
85	Library	...	...	...	...	...	85	0	0		413	18	4
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414													
	Current Assets—												
1594	Stocks	...	...	...	...	...	2084	13	8				
2939	Debtors	...	...	...	...	...	2521	10	9				
45	Cash	...	...	...	...	...	42	12	4		4648	16	9
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4578													
	Accumulated Deficit—												
3772	Balance at 1st July, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	3772	2	2				
—	Add Deficiency for the Year	...	...	...	...	...	81	14	5				
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—	Less Special Appeal	...	...	...	...	...	3853	16	7				
							1725	4	6		2128	12	1
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£8,764											£7191	7	2

1960, with the books and vouchers. We have obtained all the information and explanations as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the best

PEGG, ROBERTSON & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

## YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1960

		INCOME						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1959													
£	Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...					4479	11	11
4219	Donations—												
2856	General and Special	...	...	...	...	...	2559	14	6				
2750	Dartmouth Street Trust	...	...	...	...	...	3000	0	0				
7	Local Societies Committee	...	...	...	...	...	5	9	10		5565	4	4
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5613													
	Other Income—												
122	Royalties	...	...	...	...	...	198	9	10				
36	Advertising	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0				
733	Bookshop	...	...	...	...	...	1354	14	7				
262	Functions	...	...	...	...	...	262	14	6				
400	Rent Receivable	...	...	...	...	...	400	0	0		2226	8	11
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1553													
296	Balance, being Deficiency for the Year	...	...	...	...	...					81	14	5
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£11681											£12352	19	7

## APPENDIX A

## MEMBERS OF MAIN COMMITTEES

(as at 30th June, 1960)

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The Honorary Officers of the Society serve as *ex-officio* members of all Committees.



## APPENDIX B

HONORARY SECRETARIES OF REGIONAL AND AREA COMMITTEES  
OF LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETIES

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