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THE DEMISE OF SCOPE

Newspaper to close in May

SCOPE, the Procurement Executive staff newspaper will cease to be published after the May issue. The decision to discontinue the newspaper has been taken by the Procurement Executive Management Board after careful and detailed discussion.

It was originally hoped, when the newspaper was established in January 1974, that it might become financially viable. Unfortunately, after more than two years it has not shown, in its circulation figures, the signs that it will reach that position.

Regretfully in these times of economic restraint such a position could not be tolerated indefinitely and reluctantly it has been decided that the last issue of SCOPE will be in May this year.

In its remaining three months SCOPE will continue to provide its readers with news and regular features. But we still need your support. If you have any contributions or whatever, please send them to the address given on page 2.

—Ken Meadows, Editor.

The Duke is to sell Britain

THE DUKE OF KENT is leaving the Procurement Executive.

In April he will step into a new job as vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, touring the world promoting British industry and boosting exports.

The 40-year-old Duke was commissioned into the Royal Scots Greys after Sandhurst in 1955 and was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1973, after service in Germany, Hong Kong and Cyprus.

He joined PE in November 1972 as GSO1 International and Industrial Policy, and has been a member of the Scope advisory panel since the newspaper started.

The Duke joined BOTB last year and has already travelled abroad for Britain, when he went to the Iranian Trade Fair in September.

He has always been interested in electronics and new developments and showed his enthusiasm and support for Concorde by flying on its first passenger flight to Bahrain recently. He flew in the prototype in 1972.

The Duke checks Concorde's speed on the special machmeter. "I'm very excited and honoured to be on board," he said at the time, "it's a great moment for aviation. I have always been a tremendous fan of this aircraft and a great believer in its future."

Concorde flew at a constant Mach 2 (1,350 miles an hour) over the sea at a height of almost 11 miles.



THE HOBBY, one of many birds, animals, trees, etc., described in the Conservancy article on P6-7.

Tickets are going fast!

TICKETS FOR the Procurement Executive Sports and Social Association's Annual Ball are going very well so if you want to be there at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, London on March 12 be quick to get your tickets.

The cabaret spots this year will be filled by comedian Mike Spencer, a great hit at last year's Tech Costs annual dinner and dance, and singer Patsy Peters. Both artistes have appeared on television. Providing the music once more will be Cyril Bodkin and his orchestra.

Tombola organiser Bill Lane says his event is likely to be bigger and better than ever. Among the prizes already donated are bottles of whisky and wine and portable radios. There is still time for more prizes to be added. Proceeds from the tombola as usual will go to Civil Service Sanatorium Society.

Tickets and enquiries, Room 018 Savoy Hill House, Savoy Hill, London W2. 01-217 3691.

Scientist gets a R & D top job

David Cardwell, Director MVEE, has been appointed Deputy Controller R & D Establishments and Research B and Chief Scientist (Army) from January 1st, 1976.

Mr. Cardwell was born in Macclesfield, Cheshire, in 1920 and was educated at Dulwich College and at London University, graduating in 1942 with a first-class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering.

In the same year he joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment where, until 1951, he was engaged on research on high altitude flying including pressurisation and air conditioning of aircraft. He was appointed Technical Assistant to the Director General of Technical Development (Air) in 1951 and later became Head of the branch at Principal Scientific Officer level, dealing with aircraft specifications and requirements.

On promotion to Senior Principal Scientific Officer in 1956 he went to the Fighting Vehicles Research and Development

Establishment, now the Military Vehicles and Engineering Establishment (MVEE), and for the next eight years was concerned chiefly with new approaches to the design of armoured fighting vehicles, particularly tanks, and the development of an air-droppable tank. He was promoted to Deputy Chief Scientific Officer in 1963 and appointed Deputy Director (Research) at MVEE.



He attended the 1965 course at the Royal College of Defence Studies and on his return to MVEE became Deputy Director

Specialist and Design Services. Mr. Cardwell was appointed Director of the Establishment in May 1967, initially at Under Secretary level, and to the present intermediate level between Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary in January 1972.

Wait for those drama results

Followers of the Ministry of Defence Intra Departmental Drama Festival 1975/76 who might be getting anxious about the results will have to contain their impatience a little longer.

Of the seven entries for the competition, the adjudicator has, as yet, only been able to see four, leaving three yet to be judged, so it is expected to be February before the results can be made known.

The four competitors who have been seen are: The Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment Theatrical Society, The RAE Farnborough Amateur Dramatic Society and the Donnington Garrison Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society.