this conference, a report was published entitled "Social and Economic Research and Government Departments" which has been given a wide circulation. The conclusions of the conference are embodied in a set of practical proposals which go far towards providing means for unravelling the difficulties of the research worker in the social sciences in his dependence on official sources of data. For example, the conference urged that it is a matter of first importance that general principles governing the confidential character of official material should be formulated. It also recommended that in drawing up the departmental schedules governing the preservation and destruction of records, outside experts should be consulted. Other pressing problems such as the automatic release of certain collections, the setting of time-limits to the inaccessibility of documents, the publication of material by Government departments in signed articles, the development of research bulletins and the need for outside expert advice on new collections of data were also considered by the conference; an appendix to the report lists twenty-four major collections, tabulations and analyses of data known to exist in Government departments or which can readily be compiled and are of basic importance to research workers. The report, however, is only a first step, and the conference can be convened again when there is work for it to do.

## APPOINTMENTS VACANT

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SENIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER FOR CERAMIC AND REFRACTORY RESEARCH, Government Metallurgical Laboratory, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg—The Director, Government Metal-lurgica Laboratory, c/o Victor Reid, South Africa House, Trafagar Square, London, W.C.2 (August 31). LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PURE MATHEMATICS, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg—The Secretary, Universities Bureau of the British Empire, 8 Park Street, London, W.1 (August 31).

Survey of the Britsh Empire, S Fark Street, London, W.I (Adust 31). PROFESSORSHIP OF ECONOMIC AND MINING GEOLOGY in the Uni-versity of Adelaide—The Secretary, Universities Bureau of the British Empire, 8 Park Street, London, W.1 (August 31). READERSHIP IN BIOCHEMISTRY at the Royal Cancer Hospital— The Academic Registrar, University of London, Senate House, London, W.C.1 (September 1).

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP and a RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN THE DEPART-MENT OF ECONOMICS OF Natal University College—The Secretary, Universities Bureau of the British Empire, 8 Park Street, London, W.1

(September 1). ASSISTANT LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS, University College of the West Indies, Jamaica—The Secretary, Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies, 8 Park Street, London,

College of the West Indies, Jamaica—The Secretary, Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies, 8 Park Street, London, W.1 (September 15). PROFESSOR OF ZOOLOGY at Makerere College, Kampala, Uganda— The Secretary, Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies, 8 Park Street, London, W.1 (September 15). LABORATORY STEWARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—The Principal, Cambridgeshire Technical College, Collier Road, Cambridge. LECTURER IN BOTANY, and a DEMONSTRATOR IN GEOLOGY—The Registrar, University College, Exeter. ASSISTANT LABORATORY STEWARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY —The Head of the Department of Zoology, University College, Hull. DIRECTOR OF THE WEST AFRICAN FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE, Sierra Leone—The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, Research Department, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1. LECTURER IN PUBLICH, St. John Street, London, E.C.1. LABORATORY ASSISTANT (woman) at Aylwin School, Southwark Park Road, S.E.16—The Education Officer (Estab. 2), London County Council, The County Hall, London, S.E.1. LECTURER IN THE MATCH MARTESA ROAd, London, S.W.3. ENTOMOLOGIST IN THE RESEARCH DIVISION of the Department of Astriouture and Forests, Sudan Government—The Sudan Agent in London, Wellington House, Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1, en-dorsed 'Entomologist Agriculture'. CHIEF MECHANIC to take charge of workshop attached to medical research Council, Hammersmith Hospital, Ducane Road, London, W.1.2. PHOROGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN with experience in photo-micrography, Resea W.12.

Tessarch Unit—The Director, Radiotherapeutic Research Unit, Medical Research Council, Hammersmith Hospital, Ducane Road, London, W.12.
PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN with experience in photo-micrography, for M.R.C. Biophysics Research Unit—Prof. J. T. Randall, King's College, Strand, London, W.C.2.
TECHNICIAN (with considerable experience in routine investigation) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICIAL PATHOLOGY, and a TECHNICIAN (with considerable experience in routine investigation) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICIAL PATHOLOGY, and a TECHNICIAN (with considerable experience in routine investigation) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICIAL PATHOLOGY, and a TECHNICIAN to be responsible for preparation of teaching classes in Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry and Chemical Pathology—The Secretary, Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, 82 Chandos Place, London, W.C.2.
SENTOR SCHENTHIC OFFICER (G. 224/48A) to take charge of Biology and Chemistry Section, a SENIOR SCHENTHIC OFFICER (A.185/48A) for twestigation of deterioration of materials and complete equipment exposed under tropical conditions, a SENIOR EXPERIMENTAL OFFICER (A.186/48A) to lead a team working on Electronics, EXPERIMENTAL OFFICER (A.186/48A), bo instruy of Labour and National Service, Technical and Scientific Register (K), York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, quoting the appropriate Ref. No.
METALURGIST to work in the Mechanical Testing Section—The Secretary, British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association, 81-91
BUSON LABORATORY ASSISTANT—The Headmistress, Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, Maidstone.
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IIIIAII). PHYSICIST—The House Governor, Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton. ASSISTANT GAME WARDEN—The Sudan Agent in London, Welling-ton House, Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1, endorsed 'Assistant Game Warden'.

Game Warden'. ASSISTANT LECTURER (temporary) IN MATHEMATICS—The Registrar, University College, Singleton Park, Swansea. INSPECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, Department of Agriculture and Forests, Sudan Government—The Sudan Agent in London, Wellington House, Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1, endorsed 'Inspector of Agri-culture'.