

## Annual Reports of the Branches

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#### DEVON AND CORNWALL

Total membership at the end of 1971 was 379.

There were five senior meetings and three junior meetings, and a paper was also given after the Annual General Meeting in February. The Committee expressed concern at the poor support from the Branch at lectures.

Two members of the Committee, Mr. P. Hollands and Lt. Cdr. J. W. R. Weston, R.N., had to resign early in 1971 as they moved out of the district, and Cdr. P. H. Robinson, M.V.O., R.N., was co-opted as a replacement for Mr. Hollands but he also had to relinquish his position.

The Cheese and Wine Party, in May, was again held on board H.M.S. *Tyne* in H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, when 130 members and guests attended. On 23 October the Combined Buffet-Supper Dance, with Plymouth Panel of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers acting as hosts, took place at the Great Hall of the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon. The official guests were Captain C. P. H. Gibbon, R.N., and Mrs. Gibbon; 230 members and guests attended. The Branch Dinner was again at the Mayflower Post Hotel when the official guests were Mr. R. Munton, B.Sc., the President and Mrs. Munton, Mrs. D. F. W. Innes, the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, and Major and Mrs. Banks.

The Secretary was absent from Plymouth for three months, on duty, and he thanked the Chairman for taking over during his absence.

W. Farrell (*Chairman*)

J. H. Reynolds (*Honorary Secretary*).

#### KINGSTON-UPON-HULL AND HUMBER AREA

Membership of all grades at the end of 1971 was 450.

Four senior meetings were held and the average attendance at these meetings was 19 visitors and 32 members, an increase over the previous year. One junior meeting was held at which 15 people were present. A one-day technical meeting was proposed to mark the Branch's 21st Anniversary but it was decided to defer the meeting to a later date, possibly the 25th Anniversary, as the topics for the meeting and the price which would have to be charged for tickets did not make the venture viable at that time.

During 1971 Mr. S. Mathews was elected Chairman and Mr. F. N. Sutcliffe, Deputy Chairman. Mr. P. R. Salisbury was co-opted as Honorary Secretary and Mr. H. Milne as Honorary Treasurer, both due to the previous holders of these posts moving away from the district.

Mr. A. Holmes was appointed to represent the Branch on the C.E.I. Yorkshire Committee and had attended several meetings. A number of Committee Members attended an informal C.E.I. function at Leeds in April at which Sir Eric Mensforth spoke on C.E.I. matters in relation to the Industrial Relations

Bill in which he mentioned the role of UKAPE. The Chairman and Mr. Holmes attended a C.E.I. lecture "Some Aspects of Space" by the Aerospace Briefing Team of the R.A.F. College of Air Warfare at Sheffield in October, which was well worthwhile.

Mr. E. Barnett had continued to serve as representative of the Guild of Benevolence. Mr. R. L. Rawlings, Vice-President, served as Branch representative on the Education Committee at the Grimsby College of Technology and during the year was elected Vice-Chairman of Council. Mr. G. A. Skelton, M.B.E., served as a representative on a committee in connexion with the Mechanical Engineering Department at the College of Technology. The Committee had nominated Mr. A. Clapham as Corresponding Member for Grimsby and South Humberside Area.

The Annual Dinner Dance at the Royal Station Hotel was held in March and was attended by 240 members and guests. The Annual Dinner was held at the Guildhall in November, which Mr. Rawlings and Sir Basil Parkes, who proposed a toast to the Branch, attended and 210 members and guests were present.

S. Mathews (*Chairman*)

T. A. Sharp (*Assistant Honorary Secretary*)

#### NORTH EAST COAST

Membership of all grades at the end of 1971 had increased to 1264, from 1242.

There were five senior technical meetings held, one a joint meeting with the North East Coast Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders, and there was also an informal address by Mr. J. Stuart Robinson, M.A., Director and Secretary of the Institute. Three junior meetings were held and two films were shown in October.

There was a visit to the Calder Hall Atomic Power Station for the Junior Section attended by 50 members.

The Annual Dinner Dance at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, was held in February and was attended by 412 members and guests.

The Spring Golf Meeting was at Foxton Hall Golf Club and the Autumn Meeting was at Wearside Golf Club.

The Chairman and Committee thanked Mr. B. Taylor, Corresponding Member for Sunderland, Mr. A. Stokoe, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Social Secretary, and Mr. W. A. Jones, of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, for their help during 1971, and Mr. R. J. Whyte for his duties to the Junior Section. Also the five retiring members of the Committee, Mr. T. A. Edwards, Mr. G. Yellowley, Mr. S. Reay, Mr. A. W. Bell and Mr. M. Curly. The University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and South Shields Marine Technical College were thanked for the use of Lecture Theatres.

E. P. Crowdy (*Chairman*)

T. Matthews (*Honorary Secretary*)

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### NORTH MIDLANDS

Membership of all grades at the end of 1971 was 408.

There were four technical meetings and a visit to the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, during the year. The average attendance at Branch meetings was 14 members which compared unfavourably with the average of 45 members for the past sessions. A day visit arranged for 22 September had to be cancelled due to lack of response.

Tribute was paid to the Chairman and Members of the Committee for their support during the session, and in particular to Mr. G. Cokayne and Mr. G. Wilkinson, the retiring members.

J. C. Proudfoot (*Chairman*)  
R. M. Gilman (*Honorary Secretary*)

### NORTH WEST ENGLAND

Membership of all grades for 1971 was 1943.

Three meetings were held in the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Building and four at Liverpool Polytechnic. Three meetings were also held at Manchester Liners House, the annual joint meeting with LADSIRLAC was held in January at the Library Record Office and, in conjunction with the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, the Thomas Lowe Gray Lecture at Liverpool University, in February, was attended. Three junior meetings were held.

An Extraordinary General Meeting was called in March so that the Director and Secretary of the Institute, Mr. J. Stuart Robinson, M.A., Director and Secretary, could address the Branch on the changes in Institute policy.

A C.E.I. lecture was held at the 'A' Lecture Theatre, Liverpool University, in October.

The Branch had continued to support the Merseyside and North Wales C.E.I. Committee actively. Mr. E. Levison was Chairman of the Committee, Mr. G. G. Southworth was the standing representative and Mr. R. Anderson, the C.E.I. Publicity Officer.

During the year Mr. R. A. W. Mayes retired from the position of Corresponding Member for Barrow and was succeeded by Mr. R. J. Aiken.

The Annual Dinner and Dance was held in the Banqueting Suite of the Adelphi Hotel in November. Mr. R. Munton, B.Sc., President of the Institute, was the chief guest and was accompanied by Mrs. Munton, and Mr. W. McClimont, M.Sc., Chairman of Council, and Mrs. McClimont. Among the Chairman's guests were Mrs. Beazley, Mr. and Mrs. Lever, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Evans and Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Evans.

The Secretary thanked the Chairman, the Honorary Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary for their support throughout the year.

E. Levison (*Chairman*)  
K. J. R. McBurnie (*Honorary Secretary*)

### NORTHERN IRELAND

Four lectures were given during 1971, the last of which was a joint lecture with the Institution of Production Engineers.

A Golf Outing took place at Bangor, Co. Down, in conjunction with Harland and Wolff Management Golfing Society.

J. Sloan (*Chairman*)  
P. H. Reid (*Honorary Secretary*)

### SCOTTISH

The total membership of the Scottish Branch had continued to increase and was 1811 at the end of 1971, an increase of 41 over the previous year.

Seven senior meetings, average attendance 56, and two student meetings, attendance of 205 for the first and 360 for the second, were held. A joint meeting, held with the Aberdeen Mechanical Society at Aberdeen in February, was very well attended.

The Annual Dinner was held in February and the Annual Dinner and Dance in December, both at the Central Hotel, Glasgow, and each was a great success.

A total of 39 members and visitors competed for the Shell Salver and the Anchor Trophy at the Spring Golf Meeting in May at Milngavie Golf Club. The Shell Salver was won by Mr. T. Liddell and the Anchor Trophy by Mr. J. Moar. The Autumn Golf Meeting was held at Dullatur Golf Club in September when 25 members and visitors competed for the Beattie Rose Bowl which was won by Mr. G. Y. Stein.

The Committee thanked the Chairman, Mr. B. R. McGonigal, the speakers and everyone who had contributed to the work of the Branch during the year.

B. R. McGonigal (*Chairman*)  
L. D. Trenchard (*Honorary Secretary*)

### SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

Membership for 1971 was 973, an increase of 53 over the previous year.

Seven senior meetings had been held, two of these were joint meetings with the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and the Institute of Measurement and Control respectively. Average attendance of the Joint meetings was 68 and 20 at Branch meetings. Four junior meetings were held.

The Cheese and Wine Party in July, in H.M.S. *Worcester*, was very popular and was attended by over 100 people.

The Annual Dinner and Dance was attended by 280 people and principal guests were Admiral C. C. H. Dunlop, C.B.E., from Chatham Dockyard, and Mrs. Dunlop, Mr. McNeil, manager of the Isle of Grain Refinery, and Mrs. McNeil, and Mr. B. Hildrew, M.Sc., Member of Council, of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and Mrs. Hildrew.

A. G. Beavan (*Chairman*)  
B. T. Clark (*Honorary Secretary*)

### SOUTH WALES

The Branch membership increased from 418 to 489 in 1971.

Five senior lectures were held (two given by members of the Branch), four in Cardiff and one in Swansea. A Junior Brains Trust was held for the marine engineering students of the Swansea College of Technology and Llandaff College of Technology.

The Annual Golf Meeting was at Penarth and the Autumn Golf Meeting was held at Pyle and Kenfig. The Annual Dinner was held at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, and the Annual Dance at the Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl.

W. G. Fox (*Chairman*)  
J. K. Phelps (*Honorary Secretary*)

### WEST MIDLAND

Membership of the Branch remained at about 400 but attendance at meetings showed an improvement this year.

Four technical meetings were arranged during 1971 but owing to misfortunes the first two were cancelled.

148 members and their guests attended the Annual Dinner which was held at the George Hotel, Solihull. The principal guest was Mr. T. R. Richardson, President of the Institute of Municipal Engineers and Borough Engineer and Surveyor of Solihull. The Vice-Chairman of Council, Mr. R. L. Rawlings together with Mr. J. Stuart Robinson, M.A., Director and Secretary of the Institute, were also present.

Representation of the Branch on the C.E.I. Birmingham Committee and the Junior Committee should be commended for its work in the area.

The necessity for ideas to keep the Branch in closer touch with its student members was commented upon as, once again, it was disappointing to be unable to put forward any nominations for the Winston Churchill or Lloyd's Awards.

J. H. Gilbertson (*Chairman*)  
A. Myatt (*Honorary Secretary*)

### WEST OF ENGLAND

There were five technical meetings in 1971 and an engineering visit to Serck Heat Transfer Ltd., at Birmingham. Average attendance at meetings was 18. Joint meetings with

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the Institution of Electrical Engineers and the Royal Institution of Naval Architects were also held and were better supported.

A C.E.I. meeting was held at the University of Bristol, when Sir Eric Mansforth spoke on "The Future of C.E.I."

During the year discussions had proceeded towards the formation of a Joint Branch with the Royal Institution of Naval Architects.

The Annual Dinner Dance, held in November, was an informal evening in an endeavour to attract more interest and this proved successful. The Branch was pleased to receive the President of the Institute, Mr. R. Munton, B.Sc., and Mrs. Munton, on this occasion.

The Chairmen and Secretaries of local branches of professional bodies met twice during the year to discuss their programmes and activities.

W. H. Sampson (*Chairman*)  
J. V. Fry (*Honorary Secretary*)

### SOUTHERN JOINT BRANCH, R.I.N.A. AND I.M.A.R.E.

There were six technical meetings during 1971 and a two-day Symposium on Small Craft held at Southampton University in September which was a complete success and was attended by over 150 members and guests from all over the world. The average attendance at meetings was 70.

Mr. John Rix was President for a second year. It was noted with regret that Mr. P. J. Usher, Chairman of the Technical Committee, and Mr. E. P. Lover, Chairman of the Executive Committee, had now completed their terms of office on the Council.

### Australia/New Zealand Division

#### AUCKLAND

The current membership of the Branch is 197 against 166 in February 1971, thus showing a favourable increase during the year.

Three technical meetings were held and two technical visits arranged during the session.

On the social side there were three functions—the Annual Cocktail Evening, at the Marine Reception Lounge, in March; the Dinner Dance, at Romfords, in September; and, in May, an informal gathering in the lounge of the South Pacific, at which members were able to meet Mr. A. G. Pemberton, then a Vice-President of the Institute.

J. M. Bray (*Chairman*)  
C. S. Harnett (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### CHRISTCHURCH (SOUTH ISLAND)

Four technical meetings have been held during the year, slightly fewer than the previous year, but with reasonable average attendances with one exception. Members of the Branch also visited the Royal Navy vessel, H.M.S. *Glenmorgan*.

The high spot of the year was, once again, the Annual Dinner, held at the Shoreline Country Club.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. B. Carr represented the Branch at the second Australia/New Zealand Division Conference. It was felt that it was important to be well represented at this annual meeting if the Branch was to maintain its place in the Australasian scene and to play a part in the engineering community of New Zealand.

The thanks of the Branch were due to the Shell Company for the use of their rooms throughout the year.

Thanks were also made to the Committee members for their continuing interest and particularly to the Honorary Secretary for his efforts throughout 1971.

K. B. C. Beale (*Chairman*)  
B. T. Carr (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### NEWCASTLE SUB-BRANCH

The Inaugural Meeting of the Sub-Branch was held at the State Dockyard on Friday, 23 July 1971, and 19 members attended. Mr. J. B. Thomson, the Australian/New Zealand Division Secretary, occupied the Chair and Mr. K. Murray, Sydney

Branch Secretary, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

The first technical meeting was held on 5 November at the rooms of the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and four films were shown which resulted in technical discussions.

R. C. Pattinson (*Chairman*)  
R. B. Cox (*Honorary Secretary*)

### QUEENSLAND

Membership for 1971 was 137.

There were nine technical meetings and a visit to the Evans Deakin Shipyard to see the new Esso Tanker, all well attended, during the year.

The retirement of Mr. L. B. McDonald and the departure from the district of Mr. D. Porter and Mr. D. Crosby were reported.

The Annual Dinner was held at the United Service Club, Brisbane, and was attended by over 80 members and guests. Rear Admiral Brian Castles, C.B.E., R.A.N. was the guest speaker. The evening was most successful. The Ladies Night Dinner Dance, which was very popular, was again held at 29 Murray Street and was attended by over 80 members and guests. There was also a "Christmas Conversazione" held in the Wardroom, H.M.A.S. *Moreton*.

B. A. N. Kemp (*Chairman*)  
A. L. Redford (*Honorary Secretary*)

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Present membership of the Branch stands at 63.

Two technical meetings were held during 1971, with attendances of 24 and 23.

A social dinner was held in November at the Feathers Hotel, Burnside, when 53 members and guests were present. It proved an enjoyable and successful evening and is to be an annual event.

The present Chairman of the Branch Committee, Mr. J. L. Gartlan, is to retire, due to an interstate transfer, and the Committee thanked him for his able assistance throughout the year. The Chairman and Committee thanked the members for their support.

J. L. Gartlan (*Chairman*)  
J. C. Nealy (*Honorary Secretary*)

### SYDNEY

There were four technical meetings during the year, one of which was the Annual Combined Meeting with the Royal Institution of Naval Architects at which the Institute of Marine Engineers acted as hosts. There was also a technical paper presented after the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. G. S. Cole, the Chairman, attended the Annual gathering, in Melbourne, of delegates from the Branches forming the Australia/New Zealand Division.

On Friday, 29 September 1971, a Dinner Dance was held at the Pickwick Club, Sydney. It was a great social success and was attended by 120 members and guests. The Annual Dinner was again at "Windsor Gardens", Chatswood, and over 140 members and guests were present. A Golf Day was held at the Northbridge Golf Club on Tuesday, 23 November.

G. S. Cole (*Chairman*)  
K. M. Murray (*Honorary Secretary*)

### VICTORIA

Membership increased from 250 to 262 during the year, including eight new members admitted by Council.

There were six technical meetings and, in May, a two-day Gas Turbine Symposium which was attended by 174 delegates and was organized by the Branch for the Australia/New Zealand Division. Average attendance at meetings was 30.

Four technical visits took place: to the Sea Trainer Terminals container installation and container ship *Flinders Bay* in March, to Trevor Boiler and Engineering Co. in April, to AMP,

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St. James Building, machinery installation in a modern multi-storey office building in July, and to Caterpillar of Aust. Ltd. in September.

Mr. J. B. Thomson retired as Local Vice-President and Chairman of the Branch after three years' service, and the office of Local Vice-President then ceased. Mr. W. F. Ellis, already a member of the Committee, took over as Branch Chairman and Mr. Thomson was invited to fill the vacancy on the Committee for the remainder of the year. The Honorary Secretary, Mr. I. K. Mott, retired at the Annual General Meeting and Mr. P. Bossen was elected in his place. Mr. Mott had held office for three years. Mr. J. H. Coles was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. The death of Mr. Kerr Paxton, who was the first Secretary of the Australia/New Zealand Division and, before that, Victoria Branch Honorary Secretary for some ten years, was reported with regret.

The Annual Dinner was held in October at Union House, University of Melbourne, and was very successful. The Guest Speaker was the Hon. Murray Byrne, Victorian Minister for Public Works. There was also a Symposium Dinner held on the evening of the first day of the Gas Turbine Symposium and among the guests were Mr. A. G. Pemberton, Vice-President, and Mrs. Pemberton.

During the year the Branch, through its Education and Training Sub-Committee, assisted the Department of Labour and Industry in revising the section on marine engineering in the Department's publication "Careers Guide for Victoria" and also co-operated with the Science and Technology Careers Bureau with the revision of their brochure on marine engineering.

W. F. Ellis (*Chairman*)  
P. Bossen (*Honorary Secretary*)

### WELLINGTON

During the year four technical meetings and four committee meetings were held.

The programme plans for the coming year propose an expansion of activities to include some technical visits. Members were also asked to help with the finding of interesting technical papers for the future.

W. Gay (*Chairman*)  
B. M. Morrall (*Honorary Secretary*)

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Total membership at the end of 1971 was 114, a significant increase over the 38 members with which the Branch was formed ten years previously.

There were four general meetings and two luncheon discussion meetings during the year.

The Annual Dinner was very successful.

G. A. Kerr (*Chairman*)  
L. F. Coy (*Honorary Secretary*)

### Canadian Division

#### NEWFOUNDLAND

The Branch has 34 members.

Two General Meetings were held during 1971, one including a technical film show.

The Annual Dinner was held at Hotel Newfoundland, St. John's on 3 November, when Dr. A. A. Bruneau, Dean of Engineering, Memorial University, was the guest speaker.

J. R. Kazak (*Chairman*)  
P. J. Strain (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### OTTAWA

There were five technical meetings during 1971.

The Ladies Night Dinner was held on 22 May and there was a Season Opening Cocktail Party of 10 September.

W. Ross (*Chairman*)  
B. F. Allen (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### VANCOUVER

There were six technical meetings during 1971 and a successful Annual Dance held at Canyon Gardens, North Vancouver.

Mr. R. W. Brown, Branch Honorary Secretary for many years, now wished to retire from that position and the Branch recorded its appreciation of his long service.

T. F. Annan (*Chairman*)  
R. W. Brown (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### VANCOUVER ISLAND

Five technical meetings were held and a film was shown during the year.

The death of Lt. Cdr. J. Dibben, who was the Branch Recording Secretary, was a sad loss to the Branch.

On 27 May 1971 a Wine and Cheese Party was held at the Dockyard Officers Club, H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C.

R. A. Mackay (*Chairman*)  
W. J. Kirk (*Honorary Secretary*)

### Indian Division

#### BOMBAY

The number of members of all grades was 460, against 450 the year before.

Five technical meetings were held during the year, besides the Annual General Meeting.

During 1971 the Branch was able to contribute towards assisting a number of marine engineering apprentices to find opportunities to complete their apprenticeships, following the closure of their firm.

The Annual Social of the Branch was held in Western Naval Command's Officers' Mess, when 200 members and their guests enjoyed an excellent dinner, followed by a dance.

B. D. Wadia (*Chairman*)  
K. Sharma (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### CALCUTTA

During 1971, four technical meetings were held by the Branch with an average attendance of 28 members. A technical meeting for students was also held at which the Institute Annual Prize was presented.

The Annual Dinner was held, on 28 November, in the Prince's Ballroom of the Grand Hotel, with an attendance of almost 300. Brigadier D. R. Kathuria, Chief Engineer of the India Army, Bengal Area, was the chief guest. Rear-Admiral T. B. Bose, B.Sc., Vice-President for India made the vote of thanks. Mrs. Kathuria distributed the prizes to the winners of the "Souvenir of the Evening".

A cricket match was arranged between the shipowners eleven, captained by Mr. N. M. Trivedi, manager, Scindia Steam Navigation Co., and the Calcutta Branch eleven, captained by Mr. S. V. Ramchandani, Lloyd's Register Surveyor, the Branch winning by nearly 40 runs.

C. Tye (*Chairman*)  
H. K. Kaul (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### COCHIN

Total membership of the Branch was now 82.

During 1971 the Branch held four technical meetings, all of which were held on the premises of the Cochin shipyard.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 6 February in the Blue Room of the Naval Officers' Mess.

P. L. D'Abreo (*Chairman*)  
K. S. Mani (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### MADRAS

The total membership of the Branch was recorded as 60 members of all grades.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 18 February and an Extraordinary General Meeting on 16 June. In addition the

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Branch held two technical meetings and two technical film shows.

A. Krishnan (*Chairman*)  
G. S. K. Mohan Rao (*Honorary Secretary*)

### VISAKHAPATNAM

The Branch membership was now 82.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 22 April in the Conference Room of I.N.S. *Virbahu*. Three technical meetings were held during the year and one general meeting, attendances being, in general, satisfactory.

Due to the state of emergency existing at the year's end, it was not possible to hold the annual dinner.

N. P. Mukundan (*Chairman*)  
K. K. Banerjee (*Honorary Secretary*)

### Overseas

#### CORK

The Cork Branch was established during 1971 and the Inaugural Meeting of the Branch was held on 29 October 1971 in the Crawford Technical Institute. Mr. W. McClimont, Chairman of the Council of the Institute of Marine Engineers, was the guest speaker and he gave an outline of the Institute's history, spoke of the present-day problems, C.E.I. registration and progress to date.

Two technical meetings were held during the year and there was a visit to Whiddy Oil Terminal and the mammoth tanker *Universe Portugal* which was most interesting.

J. T. Thirlaway (*Chairman*)  
J. F. Troy (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### DUBLIN

During 1971 four papers and one technical film show were presented. The Committee wished for the support of more local members at the meetings and more interest from younger people who were training to be engineers.

"Regular" members who supported Branch meetings were thanked.

N. J. Healy (*Chairman*)  
T. A. Kiernan (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### DURBAN

Four technical papers were presented during the year.

Although attendance at meetings had been encouraging, efforts should be made to increase attendance and membership in view of the proposal to form a South African Institute of Marine Engineers, concerning which the steering committee has now completed its work and submitted a report.

H.M.S. *Zulu* showed both interest in and hospitality to the Branch and two visits were made to this frigate, one in October and the other in February. The very successful tour and lecture arrangements made by Cdr. M. Cooper, R.N., and Cdr. J. Bird, R.N., were given appreciation by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Branch who wined and dined these officers and two of their colleagues.

This year's Annual Dinner and quarterly luncheons were well attended and as popular as usual. Among important guests who attended the latter were Mr. Lips, Managing Director of Lips Propeller Co., Holland, Mr. Smedley, Senior Principal Surveyor for Lloyd's Research Laboratory, Crawley, England, and Professor Bishop of University College, London, who was entertained at a joint luncheon with the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, Durban.

J. H. Archer (*Chairman*)  
C. E. F. Lanier (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### HONG KONG

Membership at the end of 1971 was 356, as compared with 271 in September 1970.

There were eight senior technical meetings and ten technical visits for students, attended on average by fifteen students,

during the year. There was also a paper on hydrofoil operations read to about 70 engineer and deck student cadets at the Technical College.

During the year Mr. E. F. Reid resigned from the position of Honorary Secretary, on his transfer to Singapore, and the position was then taken up by Mr. Q. M. Watt, who was Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. E. van't Sant then took over the position of Honorary Secretary from Mr. Watt. Mr. van't Sant and Mr. B. W. Rees acted jointly as Honorary Secretary during Mr. Watt's absence on leave. Mr. F. S. B. Chao also resigned from the Committee during the session and Mr. W. C. Chow was co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Mr. D. Rennie was appointed as Branch Corresponding Member in Japan during the year.

The Annual Ball was held at the Mandarin Hotel on 20 March 1971 and official guests were Commodore R. E. S. Wykes-Sneyd, R.N., and Mrs. Wykes-Sneyd; Mr. K. Milburn, J.P., Director of Marine, and Mrs. Milburn; Mr. J. C. Faber, Chairman, Hong Kong Joint Group of Engineering Institutions, and Mrs. Faber; Mr. S. G. Elliott, President, Engineering Society of Hong Kong; Mr. Gonzaga Li, World-Wide Shipping Co. Ltd., and Mrs. Li; and Mr. R. Y. T. Chen, Island Navigation Corp. Ltd., and Mrs. Chen.

On Friday 15 January the Annual Golf Match was played at Shek-O Country Club. Twenty-two members attended, of which fourteen played off, and the match was won by Mr. H. Murdock. Mr. L. G. Winter was runner-up. Mr. B. Anderson, a founder member of the Branch, was visiting in the area at the time and took part in the match.

J. W. Rasmussen (*Chairman*)  
Q. M. Watt (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### PAKISTAN GROUP

Membership of the Pakistan Group had shown a considerable increase during 1971.

Three technical meetings were held and four technical film shows were arranged for student members. There were also three technical visits.

The Annual Dinner had to be postponed as a result of the Indo-Pakistan conflict.

Negotiations were in progress for the Branch to acquire its own premises.

T. A. Thanwey (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### SINGAPORE

A seminar, at which four technical papers were presented, was held on 5 November 1971 at the Hilton Hotel and a Luncheon Meeting in conjunction with Stone Marine, Singapore, during which a paper was presented on propeller design for the super-jumbo size vessel, was also held.

The Branch exhibited at the "You and the Professions" Exhibition at the Victoria Memorial Hall, organized by the Singapore Professional Centre.

A successful Dinner Dance was held on 6 November at the Hilton Hotel and was attended by more than 270 members and guests.

During the year, Corporate Membership in the Institute in conjunction with C.E.I. was recognized as qualification for registration as Professional Engineer in Singapore. Also, further steps were taken towards the formation of a joint Branch in Singapore with the Royal Institution of Naval Architects.

The Chairman thanked all members of the Committee and the Branch for their help.

P. F. Gresser (*Chairman*)  
M. K. Das Gupta (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### TRANSVAAL

The Branch gained two new members this year but lost six.

Three technical meetings were held but attendance at these was disappointing despite the high standard of the papers.

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Progress towards the formation of the South African Institute of Marine Engineers continued during the year and the co-ordinating committee completed their task from which they submitted a draft report on their findings. The Cape Town Branch then asked to draft the Constitution which has since been circulated to the Branches for written comment. Our Branch has carried out this instruction and now awaits the final draft for approval.

J. A. Campbell (*Honorary Secretary*)

JOINT MALTA BRANCH, R.I.N.A. and I.M.A.R.E.

Five technical meetings were held during 1971 and attendance was encouraging.

The Annual Ladies Night Dinner Dance was held at the Corinthia Palace Hotel on 15 April 1971 when the guest of honour was Mr. J. A. Lyddiard, acting Principal of Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology.

S. Owen (*Chairman*)

E. Mallia (*Honorary Secretary*)