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## Prefatory Note

The Central Advisory Council for England was appointed by the Minister of Education under Section 4 of the Education Act, 1944, in December, 1944, and presented this first Report to my predecessor in January, 1947.

The problem with which it deals is obviously a crucial one in any country and at any time. It is crucial for us at the present moment in particular, for we are both recasting an educational system and at the same time rebuilding the fabric of our society. Unless our education and our social, industrial and commercial life are in gear, and unless we provide a proper balance in our schools between the needs of the child as a child and his needs as a growing individual and citizen, our increasing commitments on education will not produce full dividends.

In the 1944 Education Act these issues were faced and the broad lines of a new structure laid down. It is on this basis that planning is going rapidly ahead and we have already travelled some distance towards "implementing the Act".

Thanks are due to the Council who have devoted much thought and labour to devising practical suggestions, and it is in the hope that these will be widely and carefully studied that I have arranged for the publication of this Report.

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