

## COMMITTEE COMMENTARY

By the time these notes are read, the annual general meeting of the National Association will have taken place. Because of the importance from the voting point of view the committee have taken great pains to ensure that only properly accredited circle delegates and bona fide individual members will be admitted. "Gate crashers" are to be rigorously excluded, as will would-be delegates who turn up without their letters of appointment. In connection with this subject, I would like to impress on member circles the **absolute necessity** of prompt notification of changes of circle officers. Unless this is done, it is quite **impossible** for the General Secretary to be sure that essential notices are correctly addressed.

At the time of writing, there is again uncertainty over the venue for the 1967 Conference. Butlins are apparently no longer prepared to give some of the facilities previously promised and which the committee regard as an essential feature of the Conference (principally the Saturday-night get-together). Negotiations are still taking place but matters should be resolved by the time of the A.G.M.

Eric Malin ("Our Man in Honiton") has made a reconnaissance to Torquay and reports a most friendly reception and excellent facilities for a future Conference. I think it must be a case of "Torquay, here we come!" in the near future.

The programme for the 1967 Conference is now taking shape, features such as the popular "Any Questions?" panel will be accompanied by lectures on wine care and attention and bottles and glasses, which a new event will be a battle between quiz teams drawn from York and Harrow Circles.

Jim Luker has been hard at work on the methods we use for the collection, analysis and distribution of the results at the National Show. This has resulted in the production of a new set of record sheets which will greatly help the hard pressed show officials next year and also add to the pleasure and convenience of the participants. It won't be long now until the 1967 schedules are available. Perhaps winemakers will include with their New Year Resolutions two that will help with the running of our show. "I promise to read my schedule this year" and "I will get my entries in really early."—B.S.B.



"I want three thousand beginner's sets"