

private sector of the industry, as both customer of, and competitor with, the nationalised sector, and it is understood that private sector companies may wish to make increases in their prices.

Accordingly, in pursuance of powers under section 2 of the Prices and Incomes Act 1966, the First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, and the Minister of Power hereby refer the Corporation's proposals to the Board for examination against the background of the Government's policies for nationalised industries as set out in Cmnd. 3437, and taking into account the effect of those proposals on the U.K. steel industry as a whole. The Board is also requested to advise whether and to what extent it would be appropriate for the private sector companies simultaneously to align their prices with any new prices introduced by the Corporation.

MANUFACTURERS' PRICES OF TOILET PREPARATIONS

The First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, and the Board of Trade, consider that the manufacturers' prices of toilet preparations should be examined by the National Board for Prices and Incomes.

Accordingly, in pursuance of their powers under Section 2(1) of the Prices and Incomes Act 1966, the First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, and the Board of Trade, hereby refer to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination the question of manufacturers' prices in the toilet preparations industry.

Top Salaries in the Private Sector and Nationalised Industries

DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 5(4) FURTHER EXTENDING THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES MUST PUBLISH THEIR REPORT

Whereas the First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in pursuance of their powers under section 2(1) of the Prices and Incomes Act 1966, referred the above mentioned question to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination and have published the text of the reference in the Gazette on 2nd July 1968;

2. And whereas by section 5(3) of the Act, but subject to section 5(4), the Board are required to make their report so as to allow publication within three months of the said date;

3. And whereas the First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in pursuance of their powers under the said section 5(4), by a direction published in the Gazette on 17th September 1968 extended the said period of three months by three months.

4. Now, therefore, the First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in pursuance of their powers under the said section 5(4), hereby direct that the said period of three months be further extended by three months.

Reference to the National Board for Prices and Incomes of an award relating to the salaries and job maxima of certain staff employees of the Imperial Chemical Industries Limited

Imperial Chemical Industries Limited have notified a proposal to increase staff salary levels and job maxima. In justification of this proposal the Company have submitted evidence of increased productivity and a reduction in recent years of their price index.

The First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, acting in pursuance of her powers under Section 2(1) of the Prices and Incomes Act 1966 hereby refers to the

National Board for Prices and Incomes for their examination and report the award made by Imperial Chemical Industries Limited providing, with effect from 1st January 1969, for an increase of 6 per cent. in the salary levels and job maxima of certain staff employed by the said Company.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958

Notice is hereby given that the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 18 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf made on the 11th December, 1968, the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968.

Copies of this Order may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 7-11 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8AY, or from any bookseller.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

The Minister of Commerce has re-appointed the Electricity Board for Northern Ireland, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Sheills, for a further term of office. The membership remains unchanged.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that the Ministry of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 59 and 112 of the Education Act (N.I.) 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, has made a Statutory Rule entitled:

Colleges of Education (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (N.I.) 1968.

The purpose of this Rule is to empower the Ministry of Education to increase the rate of grant in respect of approved capital expenditure of voluntary colleges of education from 65 per cent. to 80 per cent. where by agreement the Minister is given the right to appoint not more than one-third of the governing body of the college.

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1931 AND 1944

Notice is hereby given that the Ministry of Development in exercise of its powers under Section 2(6) of the Planning (Interim Development) Act (Northern Ireland) 1944, will hear in Room No. 12, Parliament Buildings, Stormont, on Friday 17th January, 1969, at 10.30 a.m. the Appeal of Mr. R. Evans against the decision of the Antrim County Council on his application for permission for the erection of a precast concrete garage at 37 Greenburn Park, Moss Road, Lambeg, Lisburn.

Notice is hereby given that the Ministry of Development in exercise of its powers under section 2(6) of the Planning (Interim Development) Act (Northern Ireland) 1944, will hear in Room No. 17, Parliament Buildings, Stormont, on Wednesday 15th January, 1969, at 2.30 p.m. the Appeals of Mr. David Connolly against the deemed refusals of the Down County Council on his applications for permission to (1) erect garage/workshop accommodation and (2) use poultry house as engineering workshop at Ballygowan, Co. Down.