

Holders of the 3½% Defence Bonds concerned will be invited to exchange their holdings, in whole or in part in multiples of £5, into 5% National Development Bonds (Second Conversion Issue) on 15th September 1965 at the rate of £5 of such Bonds for each £5 of Bonds tendered. Holders who accept the offer of conversion will receive a final interest payment of six months' interest at 3½ per cent. per annum on 15th September 1965, together with the premium of 3% on Bonds exchanged. A first interest payment on the Second Conversion Issue Bonds will be made on 15th February 1966 in respect of the period from 15th September 1965 to 14th February 1966. The terms of the new Second Conversion Issue Bonds will be the same as those of the 5% National Development Bonds currently on sale except that interest will be payable on 15th February and 15th August.

The full conversion terms will be given in the Prospectus and Notice which will be sent on 14th May 1965 to holders, or in the case of joint holdings the first-named holder, together with forms of request for conversion and forms of authority for repayment for the use of holders who do not accept the conversion offer. Holders should signify their intentions by completing the appropriate form and returning it together with their Bond Book(s) to the Director, Post Office Savings Department, Stock Branch, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs., or to the Trustee Savings Bank at which the Bonds are held, as appropriate. The list of acceptances of the conversion offer will be closed on 11th June 1965.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES

Prices of Household and Toilet Soaps, Soap Powders and Soap Flakes, Soapless Detergents

Over the past year the manufacturers' recommended prices of a wide range of household and toilet soaps, soap powders and flakes, and soapless detergents were increased by 8 per cent. to 12½ per cent. Some further increases have been announced in the course of the last month.

The Government understand that these increases have been considered necessary by the manufacturers largely as a result of continuing increases in their costs of production. In view, however, of the aggregate amount of the increase in the price of these household commodities over the past year, the Government consider that it is in the national interest that the increases should be investigated by the National Board for Prices and Incomes in order to establish publicly the justification for them.

The Board are accordingly requested to put in hand the necessary enquiries.

6th May 1965.

Road Haulage Charges

On 7th April, the Road Haulage Association announced that it had advised members in favour of an increase of 5 per cent. in their rates from 1st June. The justification for this recommended increase was stated to be the effect on hauliers' costs of the Budget increase in vehicle excise duties and of the increase of 6 per cent. in minimum wage rates proposed by the Road Haulage Wages Council, together with increases in other contributory costs.

This recommendation for an increase in rates followed two others in the preceding seven months, one of 5 per cent. in September 1964 and the other of 2½ per cent. in November 1964.

The Government understand that recommended increases by the Road Haulage Association are not automatically adopted by their members, but that road haulage rates continue to be subject, in the usual way, to negotiation with customers. Nevertheless, the fact that an increase of a certain size has been recommended by the Road Haulage Association must influence the new rates proposed by individual hauliers. In view of the importance of road haulage as an element in the cost of manufacture and distribution of so wide a range of goods for the home and export markets, the Government consider that it is in the national interest that the justification for the increases recommended to their members by the Road Haulage Association in September 1964, November 1964 and April 1965 should be investigated by the National Board for Prices and Incomes.

It is also desirable that the Board should enquire into the increases in their rates actually made by individual hauliers following the recommendations.

The Board are accordingly requested to put in hand the necessary enquiries with the Road Haulage Association and with such of their members as may be considered desirable.

6th May 1965.

Prices of Bread and Flour

On 2nd November 1964, the retail price of the standard 1½ lb. loaf as recommended by the principal plant bakers was increased by 1d.; the increase was from 1s. 1½d. to 1s. 2½d. for the unwrapped loaf and from 1s. 2½d. to 1s. 3½d. for the sliced and wrapped loaf.

The Government understand that this increase was necessitated by accumulated cost increases, particularly increased wages, since the previous price increase in December 1963. Bread is however a staple food and in view of the importance to their general policy for prices and incomes of stability in the price of basic foodstuffs, the Government consider that it is in the national interest that the justification for the increase in November and the present level of prices of standard bread should be investigated by the National Board for Prices and Incomes and made publicly known. It will also be desirable to include within the scope of the investigation an examination of the present level of flour prices so far as this may be relevant.

The Board are accordingly requested to put in hand the necessary enquiries.

6th May 1965.

FOREIGN OFFICE

4 May 1965.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES) ACT 1950

In pursuance of subsection (1) (c) of section 2 of the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Act 1950 Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs hereby gives notice of the following further amendments to the amended list published in the *London Gazette* on the 7th of December 1962, as amended by notices published on the 22nd of February 1963, the 22nd of March 1963, the 6th of September 1963, the 22nd of October 1963, the 20th of December 1963, the 28th of January 1964, the 4th of February 1964, the 11th of February 1964, the 18th of February 1964, the 17th of March 1964, the 21st of April 1964, the 21st of August 1964, the 6th of October 1964, the 4th of December 1964, the 29th of January 1965, the 26th of February 1965, the 30th of March 1965, and the 4th of May 1965, of persons who are entitled to immunities and privileges conferred by the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) Order 1954. This List shall take effect in relation to each person from the date specified after his name, being the date as from which for the purposes of the said Order in Council, such person first held or ceased to hold the office or employment in question.

Representatives of Member Governments to the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation or to subsidiary bodies thereof (Article 8 of the Order in Council).

Allied Radio Frequency Agency

REMOVE

Germany

Colonel D. H. Heinig, 20 April 1965.

ADD

Germany

Colonel G. A. Hans Beyling, 20 April 1965.

HOME OFFICE

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

11th May 1965.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 5th instant, to appoint the Reverend Edward William Forrest, B.A., to the Living of Ramsbottom in the County of Lancaster and Diocese of Manchester, vacant by the resignation of the Reverend Tom Martin.