

SECRETMEMORANDUM BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Arising from our recent discussions in regard to Magee University College and having considered the suggestion of the Minister of Finance, which was mentioned at the close of our last meeting on 6th inst., I have prepared a fresh draft of paragraph 5 of the proposed White Paper which reads as follows:-

"The Government has considered the conclusion reached by the Lockwood Committee, that the implications of the establishment of a second university in Northern Ireland are inescapable for Magee University College and the view of the Committee that there is no alternative to the discontinuance of the College as a university institution. The Government is reluctant to accept this view and proposes to ask the Academic Planning Board of the new university to consider whether it would be possible to incorporate the College as part of the new university."

As I have already indicated, I shall be glad to take all steps within my power to develop higher education in Londonderry within the radical and far-reaching proposals for higher education generally, which are contained in the Lockwood Report. Apart from the possibility of teacher training, there should be ample scope for the development of higher technical and adult education, which could have far-reaching practical advantages for the future prosperity of Londonderry.

For convenience of reference I append extracts from the Lockwood Report dealing with Magee University College.

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