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The Scottish Government Yearbook 1982 is the sixth of our series. It is, like many of its predecessors, longer than we expected: hence the brevity of this introduction. Unlike its predecessors, it is strong on economic policy-making. Indeed, the first half of the Yearbook explores the implications of conservative economic and social policies for Scotland. The battle between the Secretary of State and the Local Authorities over public expenditure; Scottish unemployment and the effects of the recession; Enterprise Zones and, in particular, the Zone at Clydebank; industrial training policies, and the performance of the Scottish Office team both in Westminster and in Scotland are some of the subjects scrutinised. As a counterweight, we are pleased to publish the reflections of Malcolm Rifkind, a member of that team, on his experiences as a Minister. Our other articles range more widely. Environmental policy-making, Priority-setting in the Health Service, the launching of the Sunday Standard, the influence of Presbyterian concepts of democracy on twentieth-century institutions, and recent Scottish history books are all reviewed.

As before, the Yearbook contains discursive articles and factual appendices. This year we have added a new feature: Reports. Our hope here is to offer critical commentaries on the major public documents published each year. The factual appendices are slightly altered. Regular readers will be pleased to find Allan Macartney's report on Political Opinion Polls, Hamish Henderson's review of Scottish Legislation and Chris Allen's unrivalled Bibliography of Recent Publications. For reasons of space we have curtailed our other appendices.

This is the final Yearbook which we will edit. Six years is more than enough for any journal to be in the hands of one editorial team. We hope we have established a strong and healthy series which makes a contribution to the public debate in Scotland. We wish to thank our contributors; our friends for their suggestions; our advertisers; Helen Ramm our indefatigable and superlative typist and business manager; Andrew Bolger our mentor and proof reader; Paul Harris our loyal publisher who has worked his annual miracle and kept our hardback price constant at £10 for the fifth successive year; and our readers for buying the book.

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