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Editorial comment

THIS TIME there are several matters, not all related, to which we should draw your attention. First—in order not to hide an unwelcome matter—there is an increase in the price of the *Magazine of Concrete Research*. Beginning with No. 66 (March 1969), the first issue in Vol. 21, the price will be 10s per copy. Correspondingly the annual subscription, which may begin with any issue, will be £2. These prices include postage by ordinary mail to any address. Readers will understand that even these new prices do not reflect the full costs of production.

The Editor would have liked to say that, also beginning with No. 66, the *Magazine* would use SI units only. It is presumed the *Magazine* is generally read at a desk or in the study and not in the train or on site, where the units more familiar to English readers may be needed for immediate appreciation for some time. In practice, such a complete change is not likely to be possible. Some papers now being printed in Imperial units will probably be subject to discussion in the next volume, for example. But, as far as possible and wherever reasonable, all new material submitted to the *Magazine* from now onwards should use SI units. If in doubt, contributors submitting manuscripts may include conversions, but only one unit will normally be printed, usually the metric one.

Our next number, No. 65 (December 1968), the last issue in Vol. 20, will include a list of all the main papers published in the first twenty volumes of the *Magazine*. This list, which will be similar in style to

the one published in MCR 45, falls a long way short of a complete index, but the Editor hopes that readers will find it of value. Comments will be welcome.

In response to the Editorial comment in *Magazine* No. 62 (March 1968), we were pleased to be told of the formation of the Testing Machine Manufacturers Technical Committee (Chairman: Mr A. Binns, W. & T. Avery Limited, Soho Foundry, Birmingham 40). The purpose of the Committee is to provide and share technical advice on the strength testing of concrete as it affects the design and manufacture of testing machines. The committee will be pleased to hear from and to co-operate with all interested bodies working on problems of concrete testing, and hopes that its work will lead to improvements in both standards and Standards.

Many readers will already know about the International Conference on Structure, Solid Mechanics and Engineering Design in Civil Engineering Materials which is to be held at the University at Southampton from 21 to 25 April 1969. The Conference is sponsored by the Concrete Society and the University. Any who have not yet done anything about it should lose no time in writing to the Secretary:

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