

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOME SECRETARY

*I am glad to welcome the PRISON SERVICE JOURNAL and wish it well for the future. The exchange of information among those engaged in this field of social work is an important part of the development of methods of penal treatment. The concluding paragraphs of the White Paper on Penal Practice in a Changing Society emphasised that in this development we must always be ready to experiment and to adjust our thinking realistically to the outcome. A journal such as this can make a valuable contribution to the knowledge and understanding of existing methods of treatment, whether they be long established or novel; and by the examination of problems which are as yet unsolved, it may help to point the way to new lines of development.*

*The Journal will be on public sale and will include contributions from those outside the Prison Service. I hope that it will be widely read by those who are interested in, or concerned with, the administration of criminal justice and the treatment of offenders. The work which is done within penal establishments is but a part of the whole penal system, and this Journal can do much to help members of the Prison Service to see their work in a wider context and to promote better understanding outside the Prison Service of the complex human problems with which the Service is concerned.*

*Ra Butler*