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REGISTRATION OF YOUNG PERSONS AGED 16

New arrangements for the registration of young people of 16 are announced in a Circular issued to Local Education Authorities by the Board of Education. In future registration will take place at monthly instead of six-monthly intervals and will be combined with the issue of adult Identity Cards.

The next registration under the new arrangement will take place on Saturday, August 28 and will cover all young people who have reached the age of 16 since 13th March. There will be no registration in September but registration will take place on the last Saturday of each month subsequently, starting on October 30 (special arrangements will be announced for December when the last Saturday falls on Christmas Day).

A number of advantages are expected from the new scheme. Registration for training and service will be associated with the attainment of adult status. This is likely to give greater significance in the minds of young persons both to registration and to the following-up action taken by Local Authorities. It will be a great convenience to working boys and girls to have to make one attendance instead of two for registration and new Identity Cards and it will be easier for young people to be absorbed into Youth organisations, both civilian and pre-Service, if they go along in small batches monthly instead of in much larger groups half-yearly.

Authorities are reminded in the Circular of the recommendation in the recent White Paper on Youth Registration that young people should not be encouraged to participate in activities outside their ordinary employment to an extent that would be detrimental to their proper rest and sleep.

A Government enquiry into the question of double employment is being undertaken and authorities are asked to take special note of all cases where boys and girls are employed by more than one employer. This information will be sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service for consideration in connection with the enquiry.