EDITORIAL

We are now halfway between the conference, "Criminal Justice — Towards the 21st Century" held in Adelaide last year and the next conference to be organised by the Council, "Crime — Inevitable or Preventable" to be held in Melbourne next year. The conference in Melbourne is to be held at the Phillip Institute of Technology, Coburg Campus between 3rd and 6th July, 1989. Planning is well under way and a number of interesting speakers have been invited. More of that in our next issue.

We continue, in this issue, to bring to those who were not able to get to Adelaide, the papers and addresses that were given last year. For those who were present, I have no doubt that to read them in the printed form will be enough to re-kindle the stimulation experienced by all who heard them at first instance.

Professor Dorothy Bracey, Mr John Freeman and Mr John King made significant, but very diverse, contributions to the success of the Adelaide conference. Their contributions on "Issues and Trends in Juvenile Justice", "Criminal Justice and the Community", and "Court Administrators — Their Role in Managing Change" each look at significant problems within the criminal justice system. I commend them to you.

Our next issue will bring your the last of the addresses from the Adelaide conference and will also contain the product of some important work done by the New South Wales Branch of the Council. The Council, at its 12th Biennial General Meeting, requested the New South Wales Branch to establish a committee to consider the possibility of the Council advising governments and voluntary organisations as to appropriate standards for half-way houses and hostels. After undertaking a great deal of work, that committee has prepared its report. The report will present a challenge to all branches and interested persons to consider and respond to its recommendations. The members of the committee are to be congratulated and thanked for their most significant effort.

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The photo is the Supreme Court Building Melbourne. (Photo courtesy "The Age") The emphasis shifts to Melbourne with the approach of our next conference. I hope that as many of our readers as might be tempted to decide, right now, that they should be there. If that is your reaction, please register your interest on the form appearing on the last page of this issue. That will ensure that you are kept promptly advised of all planning for the conference.

