

The SELECTION OF THE BRITISH TEAM

The City and Guilds of London Institut has for 10 years been responsible for the selection of the British Team and for making arrangements for Britain to participate in the Competition.

This continuous annual cycle starts with an invitation to employers to nominate their best apprentices for selection tests in the various trades; these tests are held, at the initial stage, either on the employers' premises or at regional centres; as a result, finalists are called for a strictly assessed test at one centre, which lasts between one and five days, according to trade.

This is necessarily a very much over-simplified account of the procedure involved and makes no mention of the vast amount of preparation by the Examiners and Technical Committees which examine and approve the tests and are responsible for their conduct: to illustrate this it must be stressed that, even at the 1965 level of approximately 1,200 nominations, a continuous process over the 10 months preceding the annual Competition is involved.