

**International Apprentice Competition** 

# Can you represent Britain?

26 OF OUR TOP APPRENTICES ARE OFFERED THE CHANCE OF THEIR LIFETIME TO REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY IN TOKYO.

The United Kingdom Committee responsible for the selection of the British entry to the International Apprentice Competition invites nominations for the 19th Competition to be held in Tokyo, Japan, in November 1970.

The aim of the Competition, in common with the objectives of ordinary training programmes but at an international level, is to raise the standards of skill and craftsmanship. It also serves to promote a greater understanding among those taking part, through the exchange of experiences and ideas. In addition, it provides us with an unique opportunity for directly comparing our fundamental standards of training with those of some of our principal industrial competitors, such as Japan, West Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

The City and Guilds of London Institute, organiser of the British entry, has been sending teams of competitors abroad each year since 1953. Until recently Britain has gained her share of medals awarded — Gold, Silver and Bronze — but this year failed to win a gold medal in any of the 23 trades in which she was represented. Japan, a leading exporter of ships, cars, cameras, motor bicycles and radios, not surprisingly won more gold medals than any other country. In 1970, following EXPO 70 in Tokyo, she will offer an even more formidable challenge and on which world wide attention will be focused. We must face this squarely and adequately match the performance of our apprentices against the best of Europe and the Far East.

With the full support of all sections of Industry, and more purposeful preparation, our apprentices can show they have the technical ability and skill equal to any.

#### Trades Included

Selection will be made for the following trades:—

Brickwork Cabinet Making Carpentry Control Panel Wiring Electric Arc Welding Electricians' Work Engineering Drawing Fabrication of Steelwork \*Foundry Moulding Industrial Electronics Instrument Making Jewellery Joinery Milling Oxy-Acetylene Welding Painting & Decorating Panel Beating Plasterwork Plumbing Press Tool Making Sheet Metal Work Stone Masonry Turning TV Servicing Wood Patternmaking

\*Foundry Moulding — Selection tests in this trade are organised on the basis of a National Competition for Foundry Moulders and full details are available from the Foundry Industry Training Committee, 50/54 Charlotte Street, London W1.

## Conditions of Eligibility

Competitors, who may be of either sex, may have been born on or after 1st January 1950. There is no minimum age limit.

No competitor shall be entered for more than one trade.

Full time students shall be permitted to participate in the Competition.

Competitors are not required to be indentured apprentices.

Competitors who in previous years have been successful in winning a place in the British Team cannot be nominated for the 1970 Competition.

### **Procedure for Nomination**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Secretary, United Kingdom National Committee (International Apprentice Competition), City and Guilds of London Institute, 76 Portland Place, London, W1N 4AA. Telephone 01-580 3050. Ext. 333. The address for callers is the same.

All nominations will be required to have the approval of the employer concerned and can only be accepted on this basis. It is also hoped that, when making the nomination, the employer will consult the Technical College which the competitor has been attending for the College's assessment of his prospects.

A fee of £10 is required for each nomination; employers will receive a detailed report on the assessment of each competitor's test piece at each stage in the Competition.

The final date for receipt of completed nomination forms is 15th DECEMBER 1969.

#### Other Costs

Employers will normally be required to meet the costs of their competitors who are required to travel to selection test centres. They will not be expected to bear the cost of the fares and expenses of competitors incurred in travelling to the Competition as members of the British Team.

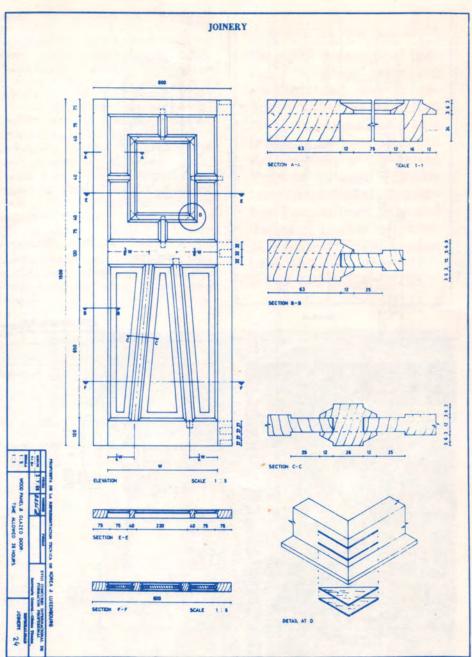
Employers within the scope of the Construction Industry Training Board, should note the new greatly improved I.A.C. Grant Scheme for 1969/70 which for the first time makes nomination fees eligible for grant.



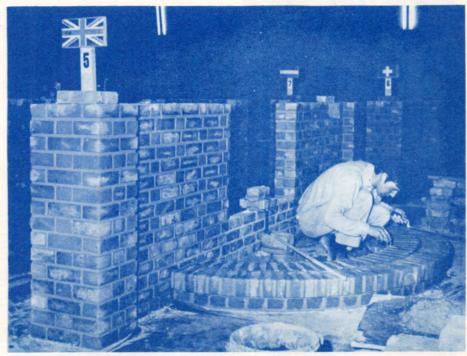
Mr. Vic. Feather, General Secretary, Trades Union Congress, talks to members of the British Team at the 1969 International Apprentice Competition in Brussels.



Please give this leaflet the widest publicity. The task of seeking out our best apprentices will be greatly helped if this leaflet could be prominently displayed in works and colleges and brought to the attention of all training officers, teachers and apprentices.







The C.I.T.B. will pay grant to the employers who nominate apprentices for selection for the I.A.C. and also to those employers whose apprentices are selected to take part in the Competition:

 (a) for apprentices taking part in the initial regional tests the C.I.T.B. will pay the full cost of the nomination fee, travel and necessary accommodation, and half the cost of wages;

(b) for apprentices attending the oneday final tests and interviews, the C.I.T.B. will pay the full cost of travel and necessary accommodation and half the cost of wages;

(c) for competitors during the fortnight of the Competition the C.I.T.B. will pay the full cost of wages.

The I.A.C. Grant Scheme for employers within the scope of the Furniture & Timber Industry Training Board remains the same as in previous years. The following will be eligible for grant:

 (a) half the cost to the employer of a competitor attending the one-day final tests and final interviews, i.e. the cost of travel, necessary accommodation, salaries or wages;

(b) the full cost of the salaries or wages paid during the fortnight of the Competition.

#### Organisation of the Competition

Each participating country has two members on the International Council which is the ultimate authority for the Competition.

Each country is also represented on the International Technical Committee. During the Competitions, international juries are established which include experts in all trades drawn from the participating countries; these juries are responsible for selecting, supervising and assessing the tests.

In this country the responsibility for the Competition rests with the United Kingdom National and Advisory Committees of the City and Guilds of London Institute. The organisations at present represented on one or other of these Committees are as follows:

Confederation of British Industries Trades Union Congress

Department of Employment and Productivity

Department of Education and Science Scottish Education Department Ministry of Education for Northern

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Ministry of Overseas Development Nationlised Industries

Engineering Industry Training Board Construction Industry Training Board Iron and Steel Industry Training Board Shipbuilding Industry Training Board Electricity Supply Industry Training Board

Furniture and Timber Industry Training
Board

Man-made Fibres Producing Industry
Training Board

Road Transport Industry Training Board

It must be emphasised that the work of the Committees and the selection of the team would not be possible without the active support of these and other organisations and the practical help given by many firms, technical colleges and individuals. The Committees would especially wish to acknowledge the financial assistance received from the

following Industrial Training Boards: Engineering, Construction, Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding, Electricity Supply, Furniture and Timber, Man-made Fibre Producing, Road Transport, Foundry Industry Training Committee, Chemical and Allied Products.

#### **National Competitions**

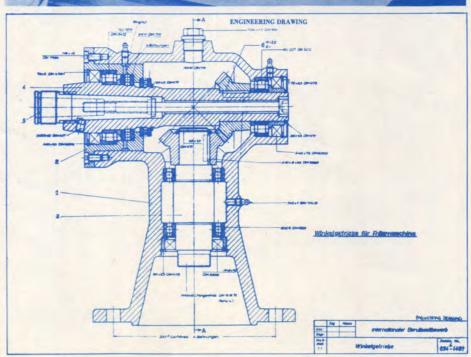
In a number of trades last year the final selection test took the form of a National Competition for which prizes were awarded.

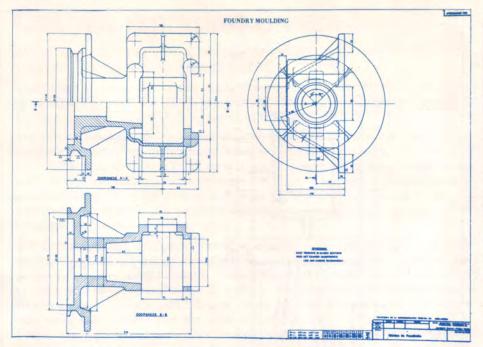
# **Drawings of Previous Tests**

Copies of drawings of previous selection tests are available and may be obtained either by returning the sheet enclosed with this leaflet or on application to the Secretary of the United Kingdom National Committee (International Apprentice Competition). City and Guilds of London Institute, 76 Portland Place, London W1N 4AA.

Tel: 01-580 3050 Ext. 333.







#### **General Notes on Selection Tests**

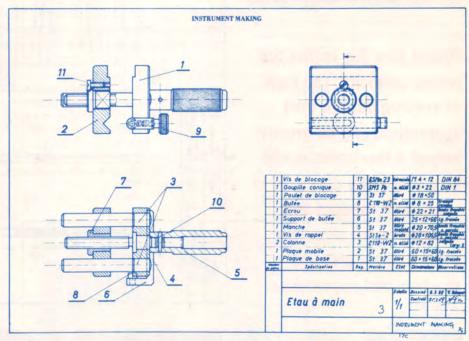
The selection tests will take place during the months January 1970 to July 1970. The system of selection is arranged when the number of nominations is known, the objects being to minimise travel and absence from work, and thus expense.

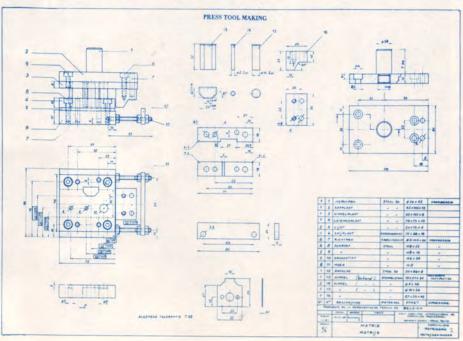
In all cases the final stage of the selection procedure involves an assessed test at a single centre and may vary in length from one to five days. This is preceded by an initial selection procedure which takes the form either of tests at regional centres or of tests completed on the employer's premises and subsequently sent to centres for assessment.

Both the British Selection Tests and the Competition itself are conducted in the metric system.

Although competitors can achieve some degree of success by conversion to British standards of measurements thay are at a severe disadvantage if they are not familiar with metric scales before taking part in the selection tests.







Ensure that nominations reach us by 15th December 1969. A form is enclosed and further copies can be obtained from the Secretary I.A.C.