

get out of conferences such as this.

It may not be essential for all people to have a clear idea of what we are aiming at in this modern world, but I believe that unless those people with general responsibility for millions of others have some glimmering of a notion, we shall merely blunder about and persist in making the same mistakes generation after generation.

One might easily be led to believe that industrialisation, or the rapid development of science and technology, is the goal for which we are all striving.

It is true that industrialisation and technology are bound up with the material well-being of mankind, but they are only one factor in the life of the individual and his wife and family. Schools for his children, the various means for his enjoyment and recreation, his participation in the various forms of central and local Government, as well as the impact they make on him, are all factors which are just as important to him as a citizen. All these things together, exist so that ordinary individual people can earn an honest living and enjoy a happy, individual and satisfying life without either being a burden on the community or achieving it at the serious expense of other people.

This, to my way of thinking, is the crux of the matter and it is so that you can form your own ideas and opinions about these things that the

Council has organised this Conference.

Needless to say the people chiefly responsible for the detailed organisation were the Steering Committee and its sub-committees, aided and supported by the Conference staff headed by Mr. Gordon Hawkins. Although there was the experience of the 1956 Conference to go on, the size, conditions