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THE FINANCIAL TIMES LIMITED

REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED .

31st DECEMBER 1980



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#### A subsidiary of Pearson Longman Limited

#### Directors

A.V. Hare, M.C. (Chairman and Chief Executive)

A.G. Cox

J.P. Dukes

M.H. Fisher (resigned 31st December 1980)

The Hon. C.P. Gibson

M.C. Gorman, C.A.

J.G. Lee (appointed 1st April 1980)

R.A.F. McClean

G.D. Owen (appointed 1st December 1980)

H.J. Rogaly (alternate to G.D. Owen - appointed 1st December 1980)

R.P. West, F.C.A.

#### Secretary and Registered Office

D.J. Hall, F.C.A. Bracken House, Cannon Street, London, EC4P 4BY.

#### Auditors

Deloitte Haskins & Sells

#### Bankers

Midland Bank Limited

#### Solicitors

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fifty-third Annual General Meeting of The Financial Times Limited will be held at Bracken House, Cannon Street, London, EC4P 4BY on Monday 27th April 1981, at 11.00 a.m for the following purposes:

- I. To receive and consider the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1980, and the reports of the directors and auditors thereon.
- To confirm the dividends paid during the year end to resolve that no final dividend be declared.
- 3. To re-elect directors.
- 4. To re-appoint the auditors and resolve that their remuneration be agreed by the directors.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Secretary

Note: Any member of the company entitled to attend and vote may appoint another person (whether a member or not) as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1980.

#### PROFIT AND APPROPRIATIONS

The net profit of	the group, after extraordinary items,	
Astributable to	The Financial Times Limited is	£1,301,625

The following appropriations for dividends have been made:

First interim dividend Second interim dividend Third interim dividend Special dividend	250,4 199,6 850,0 750,0	00 00
	2,050,0	00

Giving an excess of dividends over profit for the year, which has been deducted from reserves £ (748,375)

The directors do not recommend a final dividend.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The principal business activity of the company during the year under review has been the publication of the national daily newspaper "The Financial Times". The group also published an international edition from Germany.

Other activities of the group include the publication of magazines and news-letters, the organisation of business conferences and the provision of business information services.

During the year the group acquired the business and assets of McCarthy Information Limited.

The company has interests in other companies as set out on page 21 to the financial statements.

There have been no significant changes in the group's activities during the year.

#### VALUATIONS

Leasehold properties, which are included in fixed assets in the consolidated balance sheet at 31st December 1980 at the net book amount of £6,311,694, had in the opinion of the directors, a market value of approximately £10,700,000 at that date. This opinion is based on a valuation prepared by St. Quintin, Chartered Surveyors. If the properties had been disposed of at the estimated value, tax payable on the surplus and not provided for in the accounts would have been some £2,300,000.

The investments in associated companies have a balance sheet book value of £3,836,630 (1979 £3,805,156). At the balance sheet date, current volues were estimated at a total of £2,950,000 (1979 £4,130,000). Since these are considered to be long-term investments, no provision has been made for fluctuations in current values which are not considered to be of a permanent nature.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

#### DIRECTORS

The present directors are listed on page 2.

Mr. J.G. Lee and Mr. G.D. Owen were appointed during the year under Article 119 of the Articles of Association and, being eligible, offer themselves for election. The directors who retire by rotation are Mr. A.G. Cox, and Mr. R.P. West who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

#### DIRECTORS INTERESTS

The interests of directors and their families in shares, debentures and unsecured loan stocks of S. Pearson & Son, Limited and its subsidiaries were as follows:-

	S. Pearson & Son, Limited 25p Ordinary Shares	
	31st December 1980	1st January 1980
A.G. Cox	_	-
J.P. Dukes	·	_
M.C. Gorman	1,500	1,500
R.A.F. McClean	_	***
G.D. Owen	~~	<b>-</b> *
H.J. Rogaly	-	<b>-</b> *

#### \*Date of appointment

Mr. M.H. Fisher, The Hon. C.P. Gibson, Mr. A.V. Tare, Mr. J. G.Lee and Mr. R.P. West are also directors of the immediate holding company, Pearson Longman Limited, and are not required to notify their interests to this company.

#### EXPORTS

Overseas revenue from the sale of publications and advertisement space during the year amounted to £12,439,103 (1979 £13,150,958).

#### **EMPLOYEES**

During 1980 the average number of United Kingdom employees of the group was 1,769 (1979 1,690) and their aggregate remuneration £17,914,118 (1979 £14,008,778).

#### AUDITORS

Deloitte Haskins & Sells have indicated their willingness to continue in office and their re-appointment at a remuneration to be agreed by the Board will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIAL TIMES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 21 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

The group's share of the profit before taxation of associated companies in the consolidated profit and loss account and the reserves attributable to the interest of the group in associated companies in the consolidated balance sheet include respectively £287,000 and £79,800 which are based upon unaudited financial statements of one associated company and accordingly we have been unable to satisfy ourselves as to these amounts.

In our opinion, subject to any adjustments that would have been necessary had audited financial statements of the associated company been available, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group at 31st December 1980 and of the profit and source and application of funds of the group for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980.

Chartered Accountants

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London

# CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1980

1900			
•	Notes	1980 £	<u>1979</u> £
TURNOVER (net circulation, advertisement and other revenue)		£48,584,830	£44,322,232
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION			<del></del>
The company and its subsidiaries Associated companies	2 3	898,820 1,223,101	3,755,248 241,027
		2,121,921	3,996,275
TAXATION THEREON	4	1,014,152	2,226,999
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION		1,107,769	1,769,276
LOSSES ATTRIBUTABLE TO MINORITY INTERESTS		85,740	48,958
PROFIT OF THE YEAR BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS		1,193,509	1,818,234
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	6	108,116	(122,510)
NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FINANCIAL TIMES LIMITED Of which £1,050,291 (1979 £1,601,285) is dealt with in the profit and loss account of the company.		1,301,625	1,695,724
DIVIDENDS OF THE FINANCIAL TIMES LIMITED			
First interim Second interim Third interim Special Proposed final		250,400 199,600 850,000 750,000	125,000 225,000 - 650,000
•		2,050,000	1,000,000
NET TRANSFER FROM RESERVES (1979 Profit retained and added to reserves)	12		****
Capital reserves Revenue reserves		123,116 (871,491)	(80,844) 776,568
		£(748,375)	£695,724

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 31st DECEMBER 1980

	Notes	1980 £	1979 £
FIXED ASSETS	7	10,518,347	9,751,715
INVESTMENTS			Control of the Contro
Associated companies Other	9 10	3,836,630 65,268	2,805,156
		3,901,898	3,888,614
CURRENT ASSETS .			;
Stocks Debtors Consortium taxation relief receivable Taxation recoverable Amounts due from holding company and fellow subsidiaries		945,993 8,499,385 .132,750 717,439	792,426 9,712,595 56,250
Deposits and bank balances		2,400,000 2,096,990	6,000,000
•		15,038,011	17,642,545
CURRENT LIABILITIES			į.
Creditors Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries Current taxation Corporation tax due on 1st January 1982 Short term borrowing Proposed dividend	11	8,877,494 60,178 3,067,763 - 31,847	8,469,925 61,045 1,575,531 1,751,250 386,179 650,000
~-		12,037,282	12,893,930
NET CURRENT ASSETS		3,000,729	4,748,615
INTEREST OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE		£17,420,974	£18,388,944
FINANCIAL TIMES LIMITED  Share capital of the company (page 9)		1,800,000	1,800,000
Reserves: the company and its subsidiaries associated companies	12	12,957,600 2,539,554	13,915,864
		15,497,154	16,423,944
	,	17,297,154	18,223,944
DEFERRED TAXATION	13	123,820 £17,420,974	165,000 £18,388,944
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### BALANCE SHEET 31st DECEMBER 1980

	Notes	1980 £	1979 £
FIXED ASSETS	7	8,120,140	7,300,045
INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES	8	4,594,698	2,474,677
INVESTMENTS			
Associated companies Other	9 10	1,297,076 65,268	1,297,076 75,982
		1,362,344	1,373,058
GOODWILL AND COPYRIGHTS		1,084,108	1,084,108
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks Debtors Taxation recoverable Amounts due from subsidiaries Amounts due from fellow subsidiaries Deposit with holding company Deposits and bank balances		476,755 6,474,554 700,457 1,975,967 1,619 2,400,000 176,428	411,630 7,668,307 2,066,809 9,515 6,000,000 330,642
CURRENT LIABILITIES		12,205,780	10,400,933
Creditors Amounts due to subsidiaries Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries Amounts due to holding company Current taxation Corporation tax due on 1st January 1982 Short term borrowing Proposed dividend	1 1	4,154,374 2,681,124 441 14,447 2,592,913 2,158,577	4,635,386 1,151,787 25,001 - 1,767,626 1,775,000 1,972,430 650,000
NET CURRENT ASSETS		11,601,876 603,904 £15,765,194	4,509,723 
ORDINARY CAPITAL			
Authorised, issued and fully paid 2,001,208 ordinary shares of 25p each 5,198,792 'A' ordinary shares of 25p each		500,302 1,299,698	500,302 1,299,698
J,190,79% A Oldinary Share		1,800,000	1,800,000
RESERVES	12	13,965,194	14,941,611
		£15,765,194	£16,741,611
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SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF LIQUID FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1980

	1980	1979
SOURCE OF FUNDS		~
Profit before tax and extraordinary items Dividends received from associated companies Adjustments for items not involving the movement of funds:-	898,820 415,600	3,755,248 133,550
Depreciation charged against profit Losses attributable to minorities	687,259 85,740	637,758. 48,958
Total generated from operations	2,087,419	4,575,514
Funds from other sources:-		
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries Further consideration from disposal of	119,678	285,000
subsidiary in previous year Disposal of investments	5,295	_
Reduction in loan	7,476 10,714	
• • •	2,230,582	4,860,514
APPLICATION OF FUNDS	4 <del>-17 (0, 2, , , )                             </del>	
Purchase of business Purchase of fixed assets net of disposals	24,603	165,802
at book value	1,523,938	973,441
Purchase of investments Taxation paid	850 1,370,028	82,344 2,009,176
Dividends paid	2,700,000	1,100,000
	5,619,419	4,330,763
Changes in working capital:		
Stocks	145,241	235,241
Debtors	(1,149,544)	2,916,894
Creditors	(442,790)	(2,180,893)
	(1,447,093)	971,242
	4,172,326	5,302,005
		<del></del>
DECREASE IN NET LIQUID FUNDS		
Deposit with holding company	(3,600,000)	450,000
Deposits and bank balances	1,303,924	(505,312)
Short term borrowing	354,332	(386,179)
	£(1,941,744)	E(441,491)

NOTES ON SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF LIQUID FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1980

### Note:-

In re	econciling the flow of funds with balance sheet figures it is necessate account of the following:-	ary to
		1980 £
(i)	Reconversion of net assets in overseas currencies	
	Fixed assets Stocks Debtors Deposits and bank balances Creditors Taxation	(85,047) (1,329) (70,588) (61,629) 176,485 (938)
	Dealt with in reserves	£(43,046)
(ii)	Net assets of business acquired	
,	Fixed assets Stock Cash Taxation Goodwill	15,000 9,655 26,804 (12,475) 126,016
	•	.165,000
	Less: Creditors	(140,397)
	Cash consideration paid	£24,603
(iii)	Disposal of subsidiary	
	Net assets eliminated on disposal Net surplus on disposal	1,857 117,821
	Cash consideration received	£119,678

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### ACCOUNTING FOLICIES

Basis of accounting

The annual financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting, modified to include the revaluation of certain properties.

Basis of consolidation

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are made up to 3!st December and all are included in the consolidated accounts.

Associated companies

Profits and losses of associated companies are included in the consolidated profit and loss account to the full extent of the investing company's interest therein. Its share of the undistributed reserves of associated companies arising since acquisition is included in the amount at which such investments are stated in the consolidated balance sheet. For this purpose the latest available audited financial statements are used, supplemented by unaudited management accounts made up to 31st December.

Goodwill and copyrights

#### (a) Consolidated balance sheet

Goodwill, being the net excess of the cost of shares in subsidiaries over the attributable portion of their net assets at dates of acquisition and the cost of other goodwill by purchase, is deducted from reserves in the year of acquisition in the consolidated financial statements. This is a change in accounting policy from previous years when goodwill was carried as an asset. The comparative figures for 1979 have been restated to reflect the revised policy.

#### (b) Balance sheet of The Financial Times Limited

Goodwill purchased by the company continues to be carried in the company's balance sheet at cost.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less government grants or at valuation.

Long-term leasehold properties are depreciated by equal instalments over the unexpired periods of the leases less a deduction therefrom of five years to cover dilapidations. Other fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated economic lives by equal annual instalments. Generally short-term leasehold properties are depreciated over the period of the lease, motor vehicles at 25% per annum and other plant and equipment at appropriate rates between 5% and 20% per annum.

#### Stocks

Stocks, which comprise newsprint, paper, type metal and other material, are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### Deferred taxation

The group provides deferred taxation, at the rates current at 31st December, to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for taxation purposes except to the extent it is, in the opinion of the directors, reasonable to assume that the timing differences will not reverse in the future so as to give like to a tax liability.

#### Overseas currencies

Assets, liabilities and profits of the year in overseas currencies are converted to sterling at the rates ruling at balance sheet date. The exchange difference arising on the annual reconversion of fixed assets, investments and long-term liabilities is taken direct to capital reserves. The exchange difference arising on the annual reconversion of other assets and liabilities is taken direct to revenue reserves.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

	£ 1980	1979 £
2. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		
The profit before taxation of the company and its subsidiaries is arrived at		
after crediting:		
Interest receivable:		
Holding company Other	1,031,148 85,885	765,148 10,339
Rents receivable	137,278	123,246
and after charging:		
Interest payable on bank loans and other loans repayable within five years	47,437	12,837
Depreciation of fixed assets	687,259	637,758
Amount paid by associated company to employees declared redundant on closure of printing operation	; _	464,283
Auditors' remuneration	65,700	51,261

#### 3. ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

Dividends received from the unlisted associated companies including tax credits of £178,114 (1979 £57,232) amounted to £593,714 (1979 £190,782).

The profit before taxation and retained reserves of associated companies include £287,000 (1979 £42,848) and £79,800 (1979 deficit of £84,786) respectively derived from unaudited financial statements.

	derived from duaddited financial	1980	<u> 1979</u>
4.	TAXATION	£	£
	The company and its subsidiaries:		
	Corporation tax on the profit of the year at 52% Deferred Corporation tax Double taxation relief	208,326 (41,180) (236,014)	1,900,840 165,000 (203,300)
	Overseas taxation	(68,868) 331,346	1,862,540 223,962
	Associated companies	262,478 751,674	2,086,502 140,497
	Associated Company	£1,014,152	£2,226,999

The taxation charge has been reduced by £404,000 (1979 £24,000) by reason of timing differences for which no provision for deferred taxation has been made. The taxation charge has been further reduced by £37,000 in respect of stock relief calculated on the basis of the March 1981 budget proposals.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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# 5. EMOLUMENTS OF THE DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE FINANCIAL TIMES LIMITED

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DIRECTORS	1980 £	1979 £
Fees		
Less: borne by an associated company	500 (500)	1,000 (1,000)
Other emoluments	_	
Pensions of past executive directors	211,401 24,786	176,105
	£236,187	£195,780
Analysis of emoluments (exclusive of contributions to pension funds):		
Chairman	£38,278	£22 710
		£33,718
Highest paid director (1979 Chairman)	£38,471	£ -
Other directors:	<del></del>	
Not exceeding £5,000 £20,000 to £25,000 £25,001 to £30,000	5 1 3	3
£30,001 to £35,000		2
EMPLOYEES		
Analysis of emoluments of employees receiving more than £20,000 per annum (exclusive of contributions to pension funds):	3	
£20,001 to £25,000	7	1
£25,001 to £30,000	1	_
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS		
	£	£
Profit (1979 Loss) on sale of a subsidiary	117,821	(105,513)
Further consideration from disposal of subsidiary in previous year	5,295	_
Fixed assets written off by associated company		
on closure of factory	(15,000)	(60,000)
Surplus on disposal of goodwill to a fellow subsidiary	-	117,871
Further acquisition costs relating to a former investment		(74,868)
•	£108,116 £	
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

7. F	IXED ASSETS	Long Leaseholds		Plant and Machinery	<u>Total</u>
(	a) COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIE	ss ~	£	£	£
	Cost or valuation				
	At 31st December 1979 Exchange adjustments Additions at cost Disposals	7,259,686 - - -	143,308 (1,884) - · (602)	5,728,848 (102,694) 1,599,640 (155,648)	13,131,842 (104,578) 1,599,640 (156,250)
	At 31sc December 1980	7,259,686	140,822	7,070,146	14,470,654
	Analysed as follows:				·
	Valuation 1971 Cost	7,250,000 9,686	140,822	7,070,146	7,250,000 7,220,654
		7;259,686	140,822	7,070,146	14,470,654
	Depreciation				
	At 31st December 1979 Exchange adjustments Provided in accounts Disposals	883,828 - 87,877 -	102,504 (146) 14,751	2,393,795 (19,385) 584,631 (95,548)	3,380,127 (19,531) 687,259 (95,548)
	At 31st December 1980	971,705	117,109	2,863,493	3,952,307
	Net book values				
	At 31st December 1980	£6,287,981	£23,713	£4,206,653	£10,518,347
	At 31st December 1979	£6,375,858	£40,804	£3,335,053	£ 9,751,715
(ъ)	COMPANY				
	Cost or valuation				
	At 31st December 1979 Additions at cost Transfers from subsidiaries Disposals	7,259,686	116,814	1,269,475 1,157,472 6,931 (111,028)	8,645,975 1,157,472 6,931 (111,028)
	At 31st December 1980	7,259,686	116,814	2,322,850	9,699,350
1	Analysed as follows:	······································			
	Valuation 1971 Cost	7,250,000 9,686	- 116,814	2,322,850	7,250,000 2,449,350
		£7,259,686	£116,814	£2,322,850	£9,699,350
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

7.	FIXED ASSETS (continued)	Long <u>Leaseholds</u> £	Short <u>Leaseholds</u> £	Plant and Machinery £	<u>Total</u> £
	Depreciation			•	
	At 31st December 1979 Provided in accounts Transfers from subsidiaries Disposals	883,828 87,877 - -	100,457 11,653 -	361,645 199,739 1,717 (67,706)	1,345,930 299,269 1,717 (67,706)
	At 31st December 1980	971,705	112,110	495,395	1,579,210
	Net book values				
	At 31st December 1980	£6,287,981	£ 4,704	£1,827,455	£8,120,140
	At 31st December 1979	£6,375,858	£ 16,357	£ 907,830	£7,300,045
8.	, INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES	• • • •		1980 £	1979 £
	Shares at cost less amounts we Loans and advances less provi			876,941 3,717,757	902,761 1,571,916
				£4,594,698	£2,474,677

### Details of subsidiaries are:

## Percentage of capital owned

100 100 100	
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## 9. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (for details see page 21)

	Company and	l its subsidiar	ies <u>C</u>	ompany
Unlisted	1980 £	1979 £	1980 £	1979 £
Shares at cost Share of post-acquisition	1,297,076	1,297,076	1,297,076	1,297,076
reserves	2,539,554	2,508,080	·-	
	£3,836,630	£3,805,156	£1,297,076	£1,297,076

Directors' valuation £2,950,000 (1979 £4,130,000).

See note 3 as to the inclusion of amounts derived from unaudited management accounts.

It is estimated that a liability to corporation tax on chargeable gains not exceeding £520,000 (1979 £875,000) would arise if the above investments were realised at the valuations stated.

#### 10. OTHER INVESTMENTS

OTHER INVESTMENTS	Company and it	s subsidiaries	Com	pany
	1980 £	1979 £	1980 £	<u>1979</u> £
Listed in Great Britain	-	7,476	-	-
Market value (1979 £7,245) Unlisted	65,268	75,982	65,268	75,982
	£65,268	£83,458	£65,268	£75,982

Directors' valuation of unlisted investments

Group £170,286 (1979 £160,000) Company £170,286 (1979 £160,000)

It is estimated that a liability to corporation tax on chargeable gains not exceeding £30,000 (1979 £25,000) would arise if the above investments were realised at the valuations stated.

11. SHORT TERM BORROWING	Company and it	s subsidiari	<u>es</u> <u>Co</u>	mpany
	1980 £	1979 £	1980 £	1979 £
Loan from minority shareholder in subsidiary Less: attributable losses	166,500 (134,653)	63,000 (48,913)	um gya	-
	31,847	14,087 372,092	2,158,577	1,972,430
Bank overdrafts	£31,847	£386,179	£2,158,577	£1,972,430
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There is a right of set-off existing between the company and certain of its subsidiaries in respect of bank balances and bank overdrafts with the group's principal U.K. bank.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 12. RESERVES

Capital reserves:	Company	Company and its subsidiaries	Associated companies
31st December 1979	£	£	£
Prior year adjustment on change of accounting	6,496,146	6,758,449	1,470,551
policy for goodwill (note 1)	-	(1,149,604)	
31st December 1979 restated	6,496,146	5,608,845	1,470,551
Exchange differences	-	(85,047)	•••
Transfer from profit and loss account	23,292	123,116	
31st December 1980	6,519,438	5,646,914	1,470,551
Revenue Reserves:		• ,	
31st December 1979	8,445,465	9,554,998	1,037,529
Prior year adjustment on change of accounting policy for goodwill (note 1)	<u> </u>	(1,247,979)	**************************************
31st December 1979 restated	8,445,465	8,307,019	1,037,529
Exchange differences	<b>100</b>	42,001	(9,353)
Transfer (to) from profit and loss account (Group £871,491)	(999 <b>,</b> 709)	(912,318) (126,016)	40,827 -
Goodwill arising in 1980		(120,010)	
31st December 1980	7,445,756	7,310,686	1,069,003
Total reserves:			
31st December 1980	£13,965,194	£12,957,600	£2,539,554
31st December 1979	£14,941,611	£13,915,864	£2,508,080
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 13. DEFERRED TAXATION

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Full potential amount:	1980 £	1979 £	1980 £	1979 £
Revalued fixed assets Capital allowances on fixed assets and other timing	1,000,000	1,013,890	1,000,000	1,013,890
differences	1,871,082	1,497,151	847,143	387,652
Stock relief	78,496	26,129	22,762	<del>-</del>
	£2,949,578	£2,537,170	£1,869,905	£1,401,542
Provided in accounts:				
Capital allowances on fixed assets and other timing				
differences	£ 123,820	£ 165,000	£ –	£ –
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#### 14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Commitments for capital expenditure amounted at 31st December 1980 to £848,000 (1979 £150,000) for the company and £958,980 (1979 £159,000) for the company and its subsidiaries. Capital expenditure authorised but not contracted for amounted at 31st December 1980 to £500,000(1979 £455,000) for the company and £587,000 (1979 £620,000) for the company and its subsidiaries.

#### 15. CHARGE ON ASSETS

The company and certain of its subsidiaries have given first floating charges on the whole of their undertakings and assets as security for their guarantee in respect of the Debenture Stocks of Pearson Longman Limited.

#### 16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Contingent liabilities, mainly in respect of bank guarantees, at 31st December 1980 amounted to £98,935.

#### 17. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The ultimate holding company is S. Pearson & Son, Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain.

# INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (See note 9 page 18)

All companies are incorporated in the United Kingdom.

	Held at 31st December 1980 % of issue	Status of financial statements used
Industrial and Trade Fairs Holdings Limited		
210,440 £1 'A' Shares 210,400 £1 'B' Shares 105,200 £1 'C' Shares	100	12 months to 31st December 1980 audited
The Economist Newspaper Limited		
4,536,000 25p ordinary shares 252,000 25p 'A' special shares 252,000 25p 'B' special shares 100 5p Trust shares	50  100	3 months audited 9 months unaudited (latest audited financial statements-31st March 1980)