

CONCLUSION

A comparison between the position in New Zealand and that in certain other countries may be of interest.

Oversea Estimates of Increases in School Population.

New Zealand
Comparison.

The Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, has forecast for the <i>United States of America</i> an additional ten and a half million pupils enrolled in all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools (from Kindergarten to Grade 12) in the thirteen-year period 1947-1960. This corresponds to an increase of almost	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
The British Ministry of Education expects that in <i>England and Wales</i> the total number of all children of five to fifteen years of age enrolled in maintained and assisted primary and secondary schools will increase from 4.7 million in 1946 to 6 million in 1954, that is, by	27½ per cent.	40 per cent.
The <i>Australian</i> increase in total enrolments at State primary schools has been assessed by the Commonwealth Office of Education for the period between 1947 and 1954 as	46 per cent.	38 per cent.

The estimates of school populations for different countries are, of course, comparable only with some reservation. The Australian estimates, for example, take into account the large immigration scheme of the Commonwealth, and are, perhaps for that reason, higher than the New Zealand figures; but there is also some variation between the Australian States.

The figures are, however, reliable enough to show that New Zealand is not alone in having to devote, in the years immediately ahead, an increasing portion of its national resources to the education of its children.

TABLE A—TOTAL ENROLMENTS
(1930-1949 actual: 1950-1960 estimated)

Year (1 July).	Primary.		Post-primary.		Total.
	Public.	Private.	Public.	Private.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1930	219,446	26,419	29,628	3,897	279,390
1931	222,707	26,448	30,739	4,602	284,496
1932	219,018	26,390	30,728	4,512	280,648
1933	205,025	26,097	30,690	4,315	266,127
1934	203,337	26,584	31,231	4,430	265,582
1935	201,694	26,923	32,028	4,743	265,388
1936	215,183	27,540	32,581	5,108	280,412
1937	213,878	27,507	32,975	5,595	279,955
1938	211,897	28,271	35,151	6,059	281,378
1939	210,503	27,972	36,260	6,266	281,001
1940	210,318	27,868	35,882	6,379	280,447
1941	210,541	27,836	33,823	6,451	278,651
1942	210,644	26,983	32,947	6,483	277,057
1943	208,861	28,521	35,431	7,184	279,997
1944	209,562	29,223	41,121	8,121	288,027
1945	214,007	29,583	44,732	8,933	297,255
1946	220,401	30,581	45,421	9,424	305,827
1947	232,075	31,929	45,628	9,968	319,600
1948	237,399	32,818	45,565	9,748	325,530
1949	247,049	33,941	46,911	10,243	338,144
1950	255,805	35,135	46,970	10,160	348,070
1951	266,915	36,685	48,390	10,420	362,410
1952	282,900	38,825	50,315	10,800	382,840
1953	296,850	40,650	52,855	11,340	401,695
1954	308,170	42,130	56,750	12,120	419,170
1955	317,845	43,420	60,965	12,910	435,140
1956	326,210	44,715	62,255	13,295	446,475
1957	334,335	45,970	62,020	13,490	455,815
1958	340,960	46,995	63,185	13,725	464,865
1959	345,305	47,685	66,025	14,215	473,230
1960	345,365	47,660	71,460	15,215	479,700