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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Rutherford Laboratory Restaurant

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INTRODUCTION As was reported to the Board at their meeting on 20th November 1959 the question of a canteen has been discussed with the AERE, and it is recommended that there should be a canteen at the Rutherford Laboratory. The Board recorded their general approval. AERE have considered the possibility of running a large composite canteen to cater for both NIRNS and AERE staff but this is impracticable because the security problems involved are not acceptable to AERE. Further, the present services given by the AERE canteen can only be continued until September 1961.

The recommendation includes a proposal that NIRNS provide canteen services for both the Medical Research Council and Reactor School students as the same security problems arise.

This means that in about 2 years' time some 900 staff, plus visitors, will have to be considered. At times of large conferences the number of visitors might well be as high as 250.

Discussions have been held with the AERE Group Catering Officer regarding size, layout and equipment of a suitable restaurant.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT

The proposed arrangement is based on a cafeteria service for 250 people at any one time. AERE would be asked to run the service on behalf of the National Institute at least initially, but possibly not for ever, so provision is made in the design for the restaurant to be self supporting.

Other provisions include a tea and coffee lounge, waitress service to a restricted area determined by low removable partitions, a cigarette kiosk, toilet facilities, adequate kitchen stores and staff offices.

DESIGN AND SITING

Since the Laboratory will be a national centre used largely by senior university scientists, and will inevitably become a meeting place for physicists from this and other countries, it is felt that the restaurant should be made attractive by careful siting and design. It is intended to site the restaurant on the north side of the main approach road with the area around it and on the south side of the road retained as a "green belt". This will give a pleasant outlook both from the restaurant and to the main approach to the Laboratory. The architects propose a somewhat novel building as shown on Drawing No. SW/6609/470.21/AD/1. Copies will be brought to the meeting. The plan allows for expansion if required in the future, also it is arranged to be readily linked with the proposed lecture theatre, thus forming a composite unit for conferences.

ESTIMATED COST The estimated cost including all equipment, furniture and fees is £85,500:-

Architects	£46,000
M and E	24,000
	£70,000
Fees	£10,500
Furniture	5,000

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It is estimated that £10,000 would be spent in 1960/61. Provision has been made in estimates. The Committee's approval is requested for the above scheme.

NOTE ON COSTS OF CANTEENS

New canteen at Windscale estimated at £220/seat for 1,250 seats. This cost is probably based on Architects and M. & E. only and does not include fees or furniture.

Proposed new canteen at Harwell probably £300/seat for 1,000 seats; this figure does not include fees, and allows for some equipment being available from existing canteen.

Rutherford Laboratory proposed canteen for 250 seats -

Architects and M. & E. only	-	£280/seat
Furniture	-	£20/seat
Fees	-	£42/seat.

Winfrith canteen excluding fees but including furniture £310/seat for 700 seats.

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