

new world full of new opportunities.

"Our historic' decision has been made: the British people accept the challenge.

"Let us show ourselves to that new world as we would wish it to see us - confident, proud and strong."

VIII: ASSESSMENT

57. The campaign succeeded in its two main objectives and in two of its three targets and hopes (paragraphs 10 - 12 above). It produced the desired tide of public opinion in favour, at the right time, before MPs returned to their constituencies, and in particular before they entered the conference season in September. It did not succeed in the hope of sustaining public opinion right through, but it did succeed in achieving the targets of parity of public opinion by the Recess and majority public opinion in favour by the beginning of September. On the Government side, the campaign was recognised to have played a substantial part in winning over the 70 or so doubters in the Conservative Parliamentary Party. On the Labour side, members of the pro-Market hard core have been fulsome in acknowledging privately the encouragement and strength which the campaign, and the co-ordination established with them from the Government side, gave in the development and maintenance of support in their Party, both in the country and in Parliament. The main objective of decisive Parliamentary support was secured.

58. Commenting on the opposition, after the vote, the Economist declared: "Among MPs the real anti-Europeans - those who would oppose Britain's accession