

RED PAPER ON SCOTLAND

The Red Paper on Scotland – edited by Gordon Brown – was published by Edinburgh University Student Publications' Board (forerunner of Polygon) in 1975. A conference was held in Aberdeen on 1 December 2000 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary, and two of the papers from that are published here. Although the conference was held nearly three years ago, the comments by Neal Ascherson and Tom Nairn remain – as always – highly germane to the debate about Scotland's future, especially following the outcome of the recent Scottish election that is analysed elsewhere in this issue of **Scottish Affairs**. The editors of **Scottish Affairs** are grateful to the conference organisers – Andy Cumbers and Fraser MacDonald – for permission to reproduce the papers.