forecasting. In fact some of the contributions to "Prospective" show a fairly genuine futurological outlook.

A stronger and perhaps more fruitful stress upon the immediate future is typical of "Futuribles" which has been appearing regularly since April, 1961. It is edited by Bertrand de Jouvenel in Paris as a supplement to the Bulletin SEDEIS. The term "Futurible" was originally used by the 16th-century Spanish Jesuit Luis de Molina to suggest a "sciencia media" which was to combine the ideas of "future" and "possibility". The term was chosen by Jouvenel to emphasize that the future may serve as an object of speculation about the possible rather than as a subject-matter of certain knowledge: "... we do not regard Futuribles essays as 'endproducts' but as fuel for a developing discussion of the future... Most definitely the papers are not meant as 'prophecies'... Our authors ... certainly do not pretend to any knowledge of the future, which would be foolish, but neither do they pretend that they have no opinion about it, which would be evasive"[4]. The "Futuribles" are concerned with political and economic as well as with social and cultural developments. "The Profile of Europe in 1971", "Trends in Bureaucracy", "The Economic Future of the Tropical Countries", "Preview of Ideas", "The Future of Culture", "Long-term Planning" - these are the titles of some of many topics discussed. Especially noteworthy are the analyses of monographs, symposia, and reports concerning the future written by F. Hetmann (Nr. 30, 35, 42, 48, 51, 61, 67, 77, 83 etc. of Futuribles).

Within the past few years the number of conferences dealing with the future development of man and society has been increasing. To name but a few: The "Rencontre International de Royaumont" in May, 1961, where scholars from West and East attempted to answer the question: "Quel avenir attend l'humanité?" (What future awaits mankind? - Ideals and criteria of social progress); the European Forum held at Alpbach in August and September of 1961 discussing a theme originally suggested by this author: "Science and the Future"; the Fourth International "Kulturkongress der Landeshauptstadt München" held in November of 1961 on "Problems of the '60's"; debates of the Verein für Socialpolitik on diagnosis and prognosis as problems of the methodology of economics, held in 1961; the conference concerning methodological problems of prediction which took place in Geneva in June 1962 under the auspices of the Congress for Cultural Freedom and of the "Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales en Suisse"; the Weekend Symposium of 120 philosophers, scholars, and writers which met in early December of

4) B. de Jouvenal (ed.), Futuribles - Studies in Conjecture, Vol.I, Geneva 1963, p.XI. This volume contains studies by M. Beloff, J. Ellul, B. de Jouvenel, E. Leach, M.M. Postan, R. Servoise, and L. Webb that have been translated into English. A volume will be issued each semester comprising five to seven essays.