



## *Bluer skies for Orient?*

**T**HE last time that Orient FC chairman Arthur Page held a Supporters' Club meeting—in February of last year—"Orient" was fighting for its life and hope for the survival of the club was rapidly diminishing.

On Sunday another Supporters' Club meeting was held at Brisbane-road, when Mr. Page told about 300 Orient fans that the club's future was looking a great deal rosier.

Mr. Page thanked the crowd for patience and understanding during a difficult period and said that the present Orient side was the best he had seen since the club's days in the First Division.

With a little more money and a lot more luck he was hopeful that Orient would return to the First Division soon.

Mr. Page praised manager Dick Graham for

buying shrewdly at the crucial time and described him as the best manager the club had ever had.

After mentioning that last year's debts of £30,000 had been cleared, Mr. Page went on to say that the reason why Orient fans had lost faith in the club during the last few years was that the club had been forced to sell its star players.

The transfer of former Orient centre-half Paul Went to Charlton for £27,000 last June was essential for the survival of the club which financially was almost finished at that time.

Mr. Page assured the fans that now the Orient was beginning to find its feet again, the club's policy would be to try to keep all its good players and build up a strong team by buying others.

★ (763)