



The Orient professional staff are pictured by Trevor Turner at the club's Press day on Tuesday. Back row (left to right): Jones, Goddard, Willis, Howe. Middle row: Werge, Wood, Ackerman, Sneddon, Allen. Front row: Slater, Fry, Whitehouse, Holton, Anderson, Price.



Aiming for goal in an Orient warm-up this week are (from left to right) Barry Fry, Tony Ackerman, Terry Price and Mick Jones.

## ORIENT PLAN NEW CLUB

THE next meeting of Orient Football Supporters' Club, on August 24, will be the last—for the club, in its present form, is being wound up.

Taking its place will be a new association—called simply the Orient Club—with spacious new headquarters on the banking behind the Connonian Gardens goal.

New director Reg Briggs this week explained the reason for the change and outlined plans for the new club.

"First of all I stress that there is no rift between ourselves and the supporters club," he said. "They are perfectly happy with

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the proposal and have emphasised that the relationship between us is better than at any time.

"The new club will, I feel, be a bigger attraction for supporters. For they will all be members of the football club and wear the same kits and badges as players and directors.

"We have applied for permission to erect a new building behind the goal and if it gets the OK it should be up by Christmas."

The directors are footing the bill for the building, which will cost between £15-20,000 and hold about 400 people.

"We consider it will be money well spent," continued Mr. Briggs. "For when fully functional the club should bring in around £500 a week."

"Providing licences are granted we plan to open the club every evening, holding dances for all age groups, bingo sessions and other popular social activities. The supporters' annual dinner will be held there and we could let it for private functions."

It is planned to form several sections of the Orient Club—which will be run by the Football Club with a committee on which fans will be represented.

"This idea is commonplace on the continent," concluded Mr. Briggs. "But I think the only British club to have launched such a venture is Nottingham Forest."

Orient's hard working pool pro-



REG BRIGGS

motor Brian Blower received a boost recently when sales increased. During the summer sales fell off and it is unusual for an increase so early in the year.

The O's are to dispense with their Jackson tickets and introduce a Golden Goal draw.

In this all tickets contain a time, from one second to 90 minutes, and cash prizes go to holders of tickets going exact times the goals were scored.