

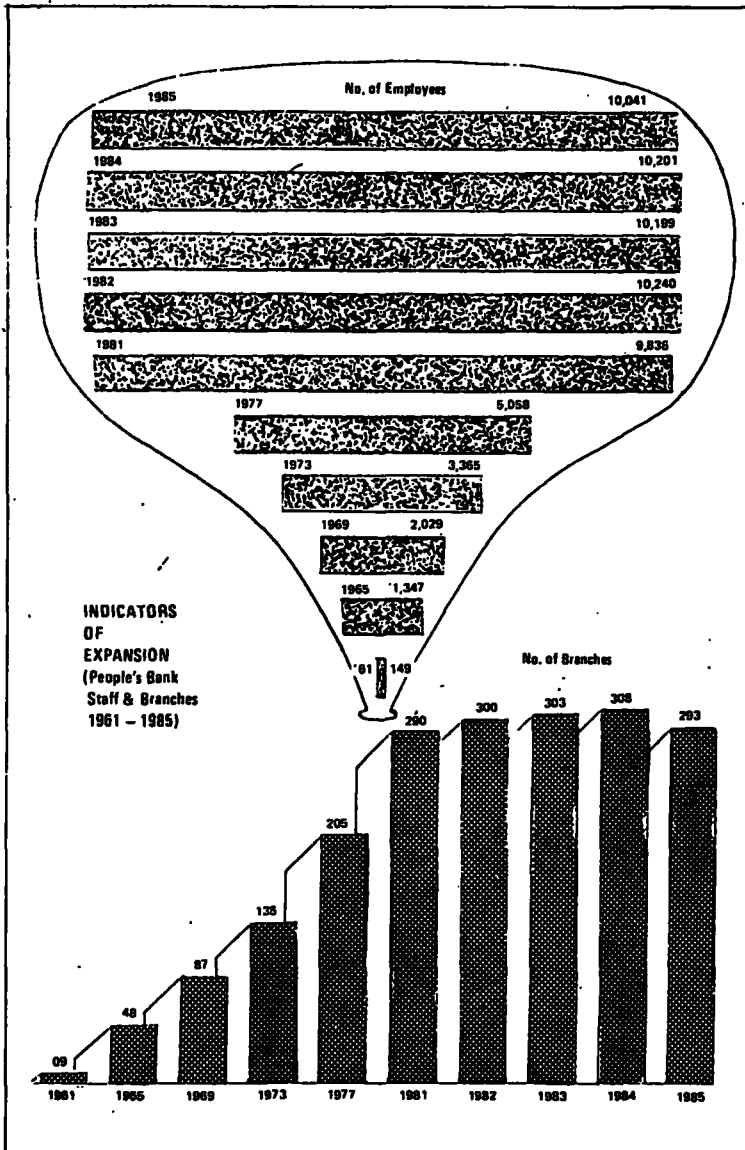
IN RETROSPECT

25 Years of the People's Bank

This year the People's Bank celebrates its 25th Anniversary. The last 25 years have witnessed many changes in Sri Lanka's economy, as well as in the People's Bank.

To commemorate this 25th Anniversary, the Bank invited a few selected writers to give their views and analyses on the Bank. Some of them have been associated in the past with the Bank.

It is our hope that these essays would present to the public the progress of the Bank over the last twenty-five years and its intimate involvement with and contribution to the economy. In their overviews a certain degree of overlap was inevitable. Needless to say the views in these papers are the objective expressions of the authors alone and do not necessarily reflect the Bank's viewpoint. Seven of these papers (with the exception of the first one in this issue) are from a collection of nine papers produced for a Special Publication brought out by the People's Bank on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary. For reasons of lack of space some papers had to be further edited, while in some cases the references or tables were left out. Also, as a result of this factor all material dealing with other areas of interest to our readers had to be carried over to our next issue.



TWO GROWTH INDICATORS: Branch expansion and increasing staff requirements (above); and pawnings growing popularity (below).

