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DIARY.

ARCON I 42 (1)

4/9/51

First Cab since Paul^t adjourned. ^{id had made me/jus} still if CKA had it HTD
^{me this morning after} ^{reunion to P.S. in next night} ^{H.A., H.S. 4 man}

E.S. off to U.S., 2 back only just before Paul^t ^{last}
conple - and after P.M.'s propose Decl. ^{line!}

(General Recount. 1 again speak strongly
2 Jack recent speak by Kaissa, Bona

Maria in Jamaica receiving Last Particulars.
(last referred = in the check of the U.S. Dept. of Treasury.)

1 say that the 2nd message, 2, in U.S.,
might easily lead in in 2nd.

H.A. as usual, interested by my line, 1

Park him, as usual, reacts, hysterically.

But Walter Ed 1 Robert speak in my side -

Walter say will create something he can't
control; Robert double on evening of my ing

General, now can see fact, not to hear

of Walter, etc., the rest of my equipment. P.M. 1
in my room John, say this should be very clear. ^{cut} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{middle} ^{of} ^{the} ^{line}
^{last} ^{at} ^{the} ^{end} ^{of} ^{the} ^{line}

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Uris Kim, I saw
can relate when he had
Kim to think that he was really very friendly

He doesn't work at Foreign Office; I don't
know about this.

Go down
like Uris
combination

Strong, sitting behind him at lab, 2nd, vehemently
when I looked in multi - from case, but
I was displaced to see old Kama, first
Ka Lead, spinning.

Two of my usual allies, Jim Phillips -
colts,

Heckle in 'Nail, were about.

Hg, always very careful to balance

Get in the & me on this, - seen to

Later done well at Madras. He tells

me after that he had a very friendly

person receipt - & a long chat

He (company) was in Jim's... 13... he said
the company... I could... but you had some good food

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Wrote the evening paper Jim Callaghan on
success to leave Tomlinson. if he dies a couple
years. I think maybe to be called to be at least
at my own request. Press the need of

see C.K.A.

and a June election, preferably in October. To visit,
I say, would be suicide for ourselves & members of
our Parliamentarians. In the dark winter evening

ready for money - coal, electricity, rail transport, balance
of payments - now he's forced suddenly to put
the country by loss of G. election. G. - I don't like
the look of Douglas. To go in October would

miss our lesson - even if it didn't win. I suppose
we'd fight like hell. A lice-ridden limpet
has a muddle-headed mull!

I was delighted to find his most responsive to all
this. I think he has already made up his mind. He was
made impressed by risk being let down by ^{dissident} ~~the~~
absentees. He was willing to think a reason

of getting on Thursday, Oct 25th with dissertation & well
before his & official ~~manuscript~~ by himself a
patriotic article; say about Sept 20th. Then we
could rearrange G. program; he is 2000 copies
just the same. Write, nurse death, following an

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George Bernard Shaw had to see C. H. ...
planned to ...
of ...

operation of cancer, is announced this morning had told him that
on solid labor vote all over the country was holding;
the only problem was getting it out. But Dick had
added that he couldn't say how long it would go on
holding.

I said Nye had wanted an ^{out} elect. (let's show
make him more amenable. He had said to me at the
Horn "I ought to be told." C.H. hadn't seen him; "he
walked out on me; it's up to him to come & see me if he
wants to." I said it might be a mistake to see him while
it had been announced, or he might leak 2 seed beds.
He agreed. But, I said, he could see him before the
conference. He must, I said, try to get some fresh
issues; the old ones so stale. Frank & Veg. &

Pied Louper were part of a new set of fixating points.
I said I was very much against putting
Lemon Recant. I spoke of Kuzin's speech,
which I had kept him, demanding back the East.
They are ... I said. He said that they
of his American ...
very dangerous combination
the ...
the ...

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Quite a lot
of handwriting
meditation
nature etc.

14/9/51

Speak at Swansea, see cutting. From seize on my advice
to housewives not to buy clothes & textiles till prices
fall further. This was a trap of Tony position
& Puri; let them come out against me.

I want to let their cost of living issue on our side.

Swansea are now going ahead with Pitz reconstruction,
after slow start when they were mainly concentrating
on new road pattern. I drove round this, & also

round a housing estate, & after 15 meeting, interested
in visit by Graham for 10/11/51. I look round a first
class community centre in Tenorville Housing Estate

Distance by car to Port Talbot, meet at Billy
Vanphras,

15/9/51 (Sat)

Open road to post-war house, walk down Dalton
Road - the lake - leading to the sea, visited 2
housing estates, some on wooded hills. At 15.45
from along the Sand Dunes, & new school.

Speak at lunch on Monday, & my home is
in & back. ~~nothing~~ but letters by ~~exp~~
Puri

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DALTON I 42 (7)

16/9/51 (2)

He now plans to see Mr. Phillips tomorrow; to call
a Cab. on Tues morning - for information - to see the
King on Tues afternoon; to have the monument in
Down on Wed morning; to have a Nat. Ec. /
inform² on Sunday. He sd that, I suggest, a
short statement for Wed morning's Press, & to make
inv: to see Nye on Wed, ^{to see him} and suggest unity. Then
at the week end he can make a good election speech! And
so can I at S.W. Regional Conf. at Taunton.

I then spoke of H.M., & said I was much shocked by
his ~~conduct~~ & ignorance. P.M., to my surprise, quite warmed
up, said he was ~~not~~ disappointed with H.M. as King.
Said I, if he were the elect^d, certainly would put his
back to the wall. His ignorance, P.M. said, was shocking.
He had no background & knew no history. He had
promised for the job, & must keep now P.M. had
corrected, had comforted him. I reminded him that I
had said I didn't want it - never had time - I had
promised Jim Griffiths. P.M. said he, Eric & I were Jim's
only supporters, & Jim himself was very unwilling.

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DALTON I 42 (9)

18/9/51

I spoke today at Maryle to the members on housing.
 first through Trade Union leaders, Sam McKelvey the
 Chairman, & Jack McDermott, the Secy, members of
 E.C. of the T.U.C. I don't see so much as I wish
 of the Trade Union leadership on the industrial side.
 This is a pity.

I'm speaking a lot! Indeed I have the Press about
 to myself nowadays, with most other Ministers absent
 & Berminster strangely silent.

Today on Housing, yesterday at Fulham - full
 meeting, but I repeated my remarks on pulling
 you more prices & advice to Government to push.
 This is drawing a forward of publicity, I believe
 from London, following my speech last Friday at
 Swansea. That Tony Lendon also to read:

only 2 back bench M.P.'s & various leaders written.
 I want to get "Labour & the Housing" against
 "Prices & the Profiteers" or "Price Rings". That I think
 they sense the danger of this. Done also at Port

Pathos last Saturday on Iron & Steel, & in B.A. on Fair
 & Res. the week before, & Liability on 2 or being "Stodgy" & "Stale"
 at end of May, and

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DARTON I 42 (10)

18/9/51 (2)

2 or more certificates of new river cottages, & Stoll Exchange joke, for
Cambridgeshire at end of July.
To make a joke about the S.C.
~~See joke~~ - as had an camping in Umbel!

I want, a few years hence, to see a young Tom
Landing on the beach at Plover & Fume, - write
my 3 companions at last unforgettable week-end at
Le Douchon - Jim Callaghan, Tony & Dennis - in
the van. I've been reading Mark Umbel

Calculated Risk. I should like Mark Umbel - to
American Eagle.
The Umbel I have been doing some post

electioning now to be practical

Executive at Scarborough! It'll be amusing
to see the result.

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DALTON I 42

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19/9/51

Cab - but very thin attendance, only C.K.A., myself, C. Ede, Albat, Victorian, Hecker McNeil & D.J. (in H.S.) & Addison & Bob Taylor (w.p.).
Latter is rapidly breaking up, - deaf, incoherent, repetitive & protracted, - a very ^{fine} final decline. ^{for} announces intention to dissolve.

I warmly welcome, & none present oppose. But C.K.A. says not all were agreed, & it's clear, e.g. from H.S.'s comments from Ottawa "No comment", "still no comment", that he was furiously against.

We discuss, at too great length, Young & Co.'s broadcast announcement. King is, I fear, very ill.

I try to book A.V.A. for S. work, & for S. Gloucester on eve of poll. He will, if office asks.

C.K.A. grim over storm I've raised over advice to housewives not to buy till prices fall. No resentment! No one else capable of discerning this at this thin Cab. Perhaps the last Cab will be! No official meant.

I stay behind, & urge him to see NTS. He says he will after tonight's broadcast - before he leaves for Scotland tomorrow (But I doubt that he will)

Over evening I dine, rather dully, at Anticipation H.Q. Commissioner, Tommy White. - Billy McKell, now G.S. Jack & Helen & their women.

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DALTON I 42

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at 10.45.

Back to flat to receive John Freeman. Rather ill, lower wrapped, - pain in his ear, very tired, going off for 10 days rest before election. Tony thinks he has become

more & more emotional (a word of discredit in Tony's vocabulary) & confused about politics. But we're glad that their friendship - politics barred - still holds.

I speak ill, & hit himself, & H.M. as Frank felt; don't know he knew nothing, cocky & ready-wary. Wants to read Mr. Jensen & put himself into Persia. J.F. has been in sea - private exchange of Voltaire on Atlantic - P.M. (H.M.).

I tell him I've promised him to see Reg. He suggests we put Dick Crossman on the broadcast, as best performance the Bernettes. He's sure we're right to discuss now, & not wait. He says it's still pretty open, but we're likely to lose. He likes my campaign of cheap parties. I send him home to Hampstead

in my car.

20/9/51.

Elect. Mathematics.
Ring of Tom Anderson see Mr. Phillips, Len William, Don
Atlan. When my trip to S.West. Leave Mike's caricature
with wife L.W. something may turn up at last minute.

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DALTON, I 42

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And L.W. will want, I think, to oblige me, by being a candidate
for N. Atkyn. Earlier to work on the windle.

Enquire about Franville's eye. Evidence is out of the way. Now
come over. So slow! They'll miss the last part
on Resurrection morning, then Liberty!

I'll play L.W. again at Taunton next week end, about 10.15.
It would be fun to let him in at the last minute.

Mike & I go to the museum, in a corner of the lounge,
& drink a bottle of ~~Challis~~ Challis before dinner; he goes to
dinner & I home to the flat. I tell him I'm in the
off chance of a seat.

I had lunch with Jim Callaghan & Tony at
Jones's; all very cheerful. Jim thinks we may win
the election; Tony doesn't. I tell Jim I've done my
best of his side - C.K.T., I praised his energy & efficiency,
frankly & fairly, & recommended him to succeed G.T. at
Ministry of Education & in Lib. + ~~for~~ & commended him,
on straightforward basis. He 'spiced' in learning new stuff. That I
met with some salary restrictions, & heard about D. Jay
& J. Edwards. Tony promised my loyalty to H.C., & later
to me in a house where most spoke ill of all others.
He ~~didn't~~ didn't think Dick Gorman would be on good
terms with Tom Dudgeon. That I said "was out!" He thought it was
had fallen heavily in the party since 1945.

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DALTON I 42

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19/9/51(4)

J.F. told me last night that Shannon ("Sir Peacock"
I call him) had played up to my 2 to 8.50 AM before my
awakening. I said he showed their view. Then he left them.

J.F. said that John Shackley, whom he liked, was a lawyer.
Law Shannon was only a time-server. About right!

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Megan & Harry & 4 1/2 hours with all the
at Megan's apartment. ^{look for all for first of all!}
DARTON I 42 (15)

Poor little Liberals! I saw Dingle Foot
today. He was pathetic. They have
no foothold ^{even} on the cliffs of power, and
the rising tide will soon wash them
away.

He spoke of electoral reform. I said he was
against P.R. & multi-member constituencies.

He said would he say he would back
the A.V.? There would be 270 Liberal
Candidates. (He must have got this wrong, as
I misheard him. There were only just on
100.)

Wherever there was no Lib candidate,
there would be a Lib Questionnaire.

It would be an important point to Lib
voters. (In fact, it was a flop. I & many
other never got one. The machine was
malfunctioning, but by and by
& no effective lead, in the political
arena, was given to Libs anywhere.)

In the constituency party was possible important
if we had brilliant as in N. Cornwall. Libs will see
is true. etc. I said I cannot
be a member of the party.

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JASON I 42 (16)

24/9/57

After very successful week-end in South West (Trenton & Bridgewater) I write to H.G., just back from U.S., saying (by Cinnia, out of the wind, in my flat.

We drive round in my car (official) - which ^{has} ~~is~~ ^{was} ~~in~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} time I may cease to command - and, as I wait for him, I reflect how few of the press - by the way even fairly good looking. When I communicate this sad report to some one out with Treasury, he says "The Americans are much better looking, particularly the women." He is, I'm glad to see, looking very fit and good morale. He enjoyed his visit to U.S. & Canada, & had some wonderful meals. Snyder got very drunk at a dinner

& caused embarrassment by shouting that America couldn't afford to pay ^{out} dollars for everyone & everything they didn't have but ^{of} money to the International Bank. & he turned to Deaver, Deaver did (repeatedly) the question "It isn't a World Bank; it's an American Bank." In his case he believes the Russian satellite banks & international banks are more.

H.G. thought he'd had some effect on American & Deaver. It's very hard. Americans have interest

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DALTON I 42 (17)

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our present position; Atmiration is anxious to find a way
to help, but is terrified of Communism, which is, in the
mass, ignorant & uncooperative.

H.Z. said that he couldn't see U.S. ever becoming a
super power of 4,700 million (recount is 3 years) & could
only reach it, if certain conditions, as to supply of materials,
were fulfilled. Other European countries were doing
much less than we, but absolutely & in relation to their
natural resources.

France & Italian were very weak
& mendicant. H.Z. asked what U.S. Treasury would
demand of Armed Forces, as we did. He felt that the
U.S. was too big, & a little too conservative
to change having become a Bernanke, more in line with
Japan. He wondered whether, either at the
Conference or in broadcast in next few days he should
talk to Bernanke. I strongly advised not. I thought
they would be for "militarism" over the election. After
he could all think again.

I asked if he was satisfied that it was best to
have an election this month. He said, not quite.

The main argument of this had been that, by now, he
should have settlements in Persia & Korea. I

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DARTON

I 42 (18)

Said he might let them \downarrow a long time. One risk of hanging ^{on} was much greater than the risk of going now. He didn't strongly disagree. He thought he should be beaten badly now, & one hated not to win, & to have one's power to the enemy. I said he should be beaten worse later.

~~He~~ He talked of the speech he was to make to the Bankers on Oct 3rd. It would reveal a Deficit of £600m to \$200m, & a heavy loss of 50% of dollars. I said I hoped he would make ^{give} precise indications of i.e.s., imports cuts on timber, course of steel, etc. He said he would, but he must show his financial views, how he would deal with the problem. Otherwise it would seem he had been helpless. He agreed with this. He thought the Tories might try to panic the country, - falling loss of confidence in the pound, etc. This might be very serious politically.

I said that was the worst foreign policy I had ever seen. As the ex-C.O. of W.W.I he wanted to order things with Paris. It's asked if you speak into the. I said "he'd say very nearly the word!"

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DALTON

I 42 (19)

Finance meeting of N.E.C. Surprisingly peaceful. Discuss
exchange arrangements. (11 pm. L Shewell not back yet.)

Manifesto to be redrafted by Morgan, L revised by letter
by Sam Watson, myself L Nye of E.C. to be examined before
circulating to delegates. We should let this Trinity get
out!

T.V. incident had not happened, I decided not to write
attack on them in going on way - more inapt & ill-timed

this afternoon. But my sense the right to write it later.

Bill Patten, Sam Watson L Edwin (with all say too).

After the meeting breakfast. I tell them that I know

- (in fact from D. Donnelly) that Mikando wrote it.

(He has been looking a bit sheepish this afternoon).

I suggest that they take steps to let him L driving

- were absent ^{for (Japan)} ~~from~~ ^{to} take absence for months,

in Korea, L subsequent severe course by Parliamentary

Party (should be brought back to memory - off N.E.C.)

Finance meeting that would calculate and discuss
and back by the alternative. straight forward, unimpaired
solution.

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27/9/51

LONDON

I 42

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Col. H.G. gives glowing picture of Dollar Gap. American anxious to help, in view of "taken by surprise" at an account of our K. cables, but reminded of Congress and, in any case, won't settle anything till after an election. [Winston might have more luck, and, if he went over and put on an act, they might say "fore the old Guy, a few bucks!"]

Main Discussion on Paris. Chiefs of Staff not invited.

P.M. had sent a special appeal to President of U.S. of support of joint action. He had put the case both for and against military action. Truman's reply, which had arrived too late to be circulated, was read by V.M. It amounted a full reply in a day or two. Meanwhile it noted that he received full

objection to any military action, and "his first course was to consider ^{giving} support to any such action." (This from memo; check on telegrams.) C.M. said he agreed. H.M. - "hardly

little fear - ~~stated~~ ^{stated} under view." It was all ridiculous... He doubts whether U.S. was really a body he should take account of... He ~~did~~ ^{should} be ~~should~~ ^{should} always agree to be ordered about

by U.S. ... we could carry out this military operation without their help. ... He still thought we should put in troops.

Stimson said he would lay on operations now like for a ~~time~~ ^{time} but soldiers not prepared to have evacuation of civilians. He was of course of diplomatic nature. ~~He~~ ^{U.S. Truman} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~all~~ ^{all} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~position~~ ^{position} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~because~~ ^{because} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~illegal~~ ^{illegal} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~put~~ ^{put} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~troops~~ ^{troops} ~~except~~ ^{except} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~because~~ ^{because} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~illegal~~ ^{illegal} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~put~~ ^{put} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~troops~~ ^{troops} ~~except~~ ^{except} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~because~~ ^{because} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~illegal~~ ^{illegal} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~put~~ ^{put} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~troops~~ ^{troops} ~~except~~ ^{except} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~because~~ ^{because} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~illegal~~ ^{illegal} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~put~~ ^{put} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~troops~~ ^{troops} ~~except~~ ^{except} ~~to~~ 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27/9/51 (M)

DAILY I 42 (21)

Protect lives actually in danger. Jewitt reminded that he
didn't like you - that V. Brown was only watching Shawcross
& Sobieski. 3 to 1.

1. Then sat after breakfast, a 2-1/2 hrs. (11 AM - 11.5),
was I thought Tamm's telegram, apart from all other
agreements, was decisive. We couldn't afford to let US
con this, particularly as H.G. had explained how much we
needed from our defence, Duffin, etc.

It was all downhill, but the ^{you better} lives, were not according to
my view he had in danger as, as Shawcross had suggested,
they would be put in danger - I to know the refinery was
threatened to hear up - if we dropped paratroops for the
sky. Because he showed me out for, show Tamm's
telegram to Winston & Eden this afternoon - they didn't
allow US on this - & let it leak to the press.

So to Security Council, & send Patrick Manning
message to Shah, especially of economic sanction
if aggression persisted in.

11.55 AM. 1st session of price, except, very carefully,

In Jewitt & Roberts. Men seen at Security.

of course, if, after Tamm's ^{Tamm} action for price, he's got
them! It hardly looks like a political blind spot on
this.

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27/9/51(3)

LAGON

I 42 (22)

Lunch with Cadiff. I told him of Saturday 3, Sun, Mex
21, with Murphy, & half manifesto. Why can't we
get this in the press? H. Morrison has lunch with
Kenny at the by. (He'd said 2 days ago when I brought him
home for a drink, that he'd be finding out from Tories later
2 or 3 days.) Story is that they have a considerable new

one. Beatabul has defused divided freeze, with
Mr. P. idea lab. Some trace are for being branch, - cats
in all directions - because they see of winning, & that
change may now come again. Other one of caution
in preparation. Stories are falling again - all the proposals

in last week or so.

Doubts arising.

After lunch I redrafted Mr. Phillips' draft
Party Manifesto at The House, & I think improve it
a good deal.

Then see Glyn Jonesville, still dilly-dallying about the
direction to come over on 2nd. Can Party
meeting tonight & meet him news. They will be very good
take him if he'd come over. This is unique! I'm a bit
impatient with him still wondering whether it would be
better to wait till Oct 26th before offering to join in. I
said, you'll be out the sun can be taken, if you wait

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DALTON I 42 (23)

27/9/51 (4)

Just now. Your choice is to be Lib MP / Ege, on the
cont. with next P.M. No 3rd alt. I take him round
to see Len Williams, whom he likes. He talks about
his influence over Libs in E. Anglia. If we don't win
there, we're sunk, etc. He stresses that he shall
fight every seat to build up maximum Lib vote.
Finally left that he will see his Lib Chairman tomorrow
and will discuss with Lib Party Sec, by 2 pm. Whether
he'll join or not. I take him to 4th St, & encourage
him to please, & then to come on to Stanbury, where
I promise him a wonderful welcome.

(But the Moody little foot didn't. In
spite of our holding everything up for him till the
last minute, he said he'd stand as a Liberal
supporting "Mace" & then he ran a last
minute candidate, as I had told him he should,
and out he went!)

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DALTON I 42 (25)

4/10/51 (2)

Others, that manifesto was a "compromise", and that there was an opposition on the N.E. entitled to be "represented" on television & broad casting. There were TV threats to the Beveridge, suggesting a change in the Constitution, & a return to old method writing. I polled 545,000 - too little! - but had a good lead over Skinner, 410,000. Followed H. Wilson with 397,000 and Phil N.E. with 265,000. Over a scatter.

We shall be badly beaten at the election (in fact, we were!) and then there'll be bad news next year on N.E.C. and in Party. T.V. leaders still impatient with Kirkland's article.

Shall I retire at 65 from N.E.C.? Only if I could be
Party
Some I'd be succeeded by an effective young chap. And
the other conditions could be worked on. (A week later my
mind had moved in favour of retiring; see later ^{2/4} date.)

Adverse factors against us at election will be

- (1) Scarborough
- (2) Paris
- (3) Balance of payments
- (4) Disincentives generally.

(In fact. (1) was 2/11/51 (2) down in loan / man. (3) would mention
- carry to 1/11/51's address to Tom's ~~party~~ only 4/10/51
nearby

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Thoughts on my future.

DALTON I 42 (26)

12/10/51 (Sunday night; lay awake thinking)

At Manor House, just arrived in constituency for ^{my} campaign after week in South-West.

Is this my last, or last-but-one, election before I go on a Parliamentary candidate?

When shall I retire from N.E.C. & (2) Pault?

Make a good sunset. A "planned sunset" is a bad phrase, but has the right idea.

"I'll lay me down beside my love

"with the sunset on my sword". (Herbert Trunk, Apollo & the Seaman)

My love is the Labour Movement and the best of the young men in it.

On Herby "So be my passing,

HENLEY) "My task accomplished & the long day done,
"my work done" and in my heart ~~is~~

"Somebody else singing.

"Let me be faithful to the Christ who"

"The sunset splendid and serene - Dear"

Then words,

And, after is my rest, may I be given me that "song in my heart" which ~~has~~ ^{is well} caught on with the critics!

Retire from N.E.C. in 1952 - Don't stand again - ^{and from}

Pault at first elect. when I'm over 70. or is that too long?

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12/10/51(2) DALTON I 42 (27)

Thoughts on my own future (2)

But I don't want to dodder on, or even to start slipping. I'd like to die soon after retiring. No ignominious and useless dragged-out end; absconding food & shelter & going raving in return; (A nuisance, ~~an~~ ^{and} ~~ignominious~~, an unbecoming proposition.) Or War may end it? But not for the old only.

? run Roberts against ~~the~~ ^{to the} ITM & A.S. for Deputy to Ulen. Trade Unionist & young. (It didn't work this time; not even my more straightforward ^{efficiency} Jim (in 1953))

Then Thoughts on my own future continued, ~~at length~~ just after election.

N.E.C. At next Conf. Oct 1952, I shall be just 65 years old, & ^{shall} have served on N.E.C. for 26 years. (I was elected in 1926, re-elected in 1927, elected in 1928 & ever since.) This is a long innings, & I don't choose to risk having it spoiled at the end, either by an honest adverse vote, or by a repetition of this year's manoeuvres. And it must mean something in my own conduct anyway.

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Oct-Nov, 1951

Thoughts on my own Future (3)

DALTON I 42 (28)

Preference for youth, and my efforts, in this aging community,
and in this age-dominated Party, to give good
younger people a good chance. I must be faithful
to my own creed.

If I didn't run for N.E., it might just put
back Smirrell - a bad political character 12
years older than I am.

But I hope it would help - ^{partly} by setting an
example and ~~putting~~ sowing a seed in people's
minds - to bring on younger men, now
had ~~of~~ been faithful in their service to the
Party ^{in their} (i.e. 2nd Division) & now have it in
them to serve still more responsibly - & to
think things out, & bring up new ideas, & exercise
influence, & join in making big decisions.

At W.L. in first days November - I was there from 1/11/57
to 4/11/51 - I thought further about all this.

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Oct - Nov 1951

Thoughts on my own Fortune (41)

DARTON I 42 (29)

I liked an article by Mallalieu ^{with pictures} on Middle Age
(attached) the manuscripts between the (see piece)
of gentle and the hills of aff King; sunset in the
Sun set.

Serenity; Peace; ^{a good} Department towards the
Young. These are the aims:

Don't retire too late or live too long.

Getting old is just the ~~movement~~ ship
moving. Nothing odd about that. I wrote long
ago that it was ignoble to mias like a cat
at the movement of the ship.

For long I have been too busy, too active,
too interested in, and absorbed by, many things, including
official chores, to be conscious of it.

But now, with my "release from office" (Ray
Robinson's happy person) I am fully conscious of it.

I am now well past my best - physically,

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DALTON I 42 (30)

Oct - Nov 1951.

Thoughts on my own Future (5-)

mentally and socially. But my best was pretty

good - in all 3 - so there's no disaster yet!
I'll be much over 65, but best to go with things in hand.

And that the decline may go rather fast in the
next few years. I was at my high points
politically in 1940-41 and in 1945-6, but that

was largely determined by events outside me.
Columnists

Strange in these events I got a taste of my chance
to write in some on-conditions in not at all in some stages -

How about writing some on-conditions in not at all in some stages -
we need to talk again. H.G. Roberts, Brown, Callaghan, Jay, Lippman, Paddy,
Pearl, Uggas, Dwyer, Jenkins, Finberg. But not too many other guys
foremen. There should be voluntary withdrawal, in the future

2 more, or at least, logically, from life itself.

"Human life is sacred" -
"The intrinsic value of human life" is sentimental, unkind,
(usually nonsense. ("Is life worth living? It depends
on the life", is the old ad verse.)

What an immense social saving, and saving of pain,

and moral gain (if one counts in "states of mind"), if

~~and~~ all of it retires from life at 70 ? It would be in a single happier beta - lasting communist

Have I the beginnings now of a weak heart? Don't
bother it. How full loneliness, S. chaos, Sadness & decline -
be a long time to the young?

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DALTON

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13/10/51. (Sat)

Back in London for one night after election from N.S.W. Tomorrow 1 for to Kirtby back (LW & N.E.)

Mixed feelings about S.W. 2 election generally. Very high degree of political interest already. Big meetings. I'm afraid he may be able to "hold the vote" till the end, & then shooting too early.

In Bristol only 2 seats in doubt - N.E. & N.W. he might well lose N.E. (LSD with) & win N.W. (Claude Morris against Braithwaite.) Coldrick is lazy & uninteresting. Morris is young & very immature - 2, some odd, conceited. He writes friendly articles in the Daily Mirror, & he gave some very bad answers to questions at the meeting, I addressed to him. Uncomp. I didn't learn from. He would "abuse the skill Exchange", just like that, and "was against free trade on British soil", i.e. American. That has got a good heading in the Evening Standard since 1950.

Mr. Sermondade we should win, though we should hit a good candidate Camp. New Candidate - Hunt, a white haired saprophytic longer that for self- aid man (Ted says there a story that he is not the only one feeling little one from 3 has divided the one.) After has lost 2 Candidates, 2 divided see the book there was a bundle about meetings Ted has been working on

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FALCON

I 42 (32)

13/10/51 (2)

Two good evening meetings @ S. G. L. ^{on 9th} Tony should hold this, - though it's a hard battle, straight this time, & majority (6000+) has the liberal vote (7000+).

On 10th a heavy day, 7 meetings - 5 courses in S. G. L. beginning with big crowd at Bristol Heron & W. where lead speaker broke down, & I had to shout, not reflecting. Then 4 small 10 meeting one, lead speaker working. Then with Wilfred Cook to Devizes. Very keen audience at Upper Stralton. Two Kenzie meeting at Devizes, team encourage, - packed out, no mike, mostly women. Got a heavy interruption & I spoke long & slow &, I think, well. Slept at Carr's house at Wexley. Next morning no voice at all. But it came back by Dearly Vch. Singing with 2nd Waka, & backing together.

Lunched with Carr at Wex, Devizes, then by train to Taunton. I think we may win Devizes, but doubt if we shall win back Taunton. The latter is very conceited, now appear very ^{strong} ^{independent} in the matter of my meetings, & I've kept sitting at several meetings made a post speech seen after 8 till 10.45 hrs.

DIARY,

DALTON

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13/10/51 (31)

I was tired & bored when I got to bed.

Next day, 12th) Train from Tamworth to Exeter, then by car with Ted Rees & Marion - 2nd v. exciting reports in Daily Herald - across Dartmoor, very lovely in early autumn. Stopped at Two Bridges Hotel, (Drunk Cornish mead, & looked after Beadmore Farm. Lunched at Tavistock. Spoke at 2.30 pm. to well-filled hall at L3 Room, Bodmin Division, I had young candidate Bill Rye, who ran 3rd last time (will beat the Liberal Uzi Rye).

Then to Plymouth. Spoke at 2 meetings - one to Michael Foot, very constructive; one to Lucy Billleton, good, but not well to feet. Both candidates met me at sea, before meetings, at Swan Hotel, 15th Ave. They had been in the same room together before during the campaign. They meet regularly at meetings. Very silly! may hold that viewpoint.

On 13th morning, 13th walk on Ave, lovely in the sunshine, & around the newly rising Tean Centre. A lot of building going on. Ran to me at L.S. C.P. & to my wife at Treasury. "our benefactor" invited me to me.

DIARY.

LONDON I 42 (34)

13/10/51(4)

Back in London I told Jack Butler that result would
lie between - but not necessarily at mid point between
Lab majority of 50, & Tory majority of 150.

Litton vote may determine it. I've been going all out
for it this week. In SW, he may get a lot of it, but
not in Lancashire. I'm not happy about Lancashire.
Peace is a big issue, but he may be overplaying it, &
too soon. Can own solid supporters be said not
to be wavering.

H. M. ~~Heath~~ wanted, - in the middle of the election -
to take a Conference with Local Authorities, to tell
them to postpone Development Plans, to order to
fire personnel to Defence services. What a fool!
I understand a suitable reply.

I think we're out, - though I called for Show &
narrowing margin. It is subject to anti-Lab bias
because interviewers are middle class women.

And it is against all probability for us to be only
just out. I think he shall lose not less than
50 seats net, i.e. a Tory majority of about 100.

But that Showed when he Showed he lost many
of our best young men.

DIARY.

DATION

I 42 (26)

13/10/57 (6)

Now CLP had forgotten to show Duttaj's absence of interest, Krikthoraj's leave, when GSVR is done over 17 or 18th etc. & his husband "severe course" by Parliament & Labour Party. (Duttaj was in Nov 1950, just before & previous Scarborough session.)

Tony said he was out by 10.00 & S. G. on about 5.00. Poll & the next G.P. was better, but this time, I said, (a) his personality, (b) his record, (c) a woman against me, (d) more likely to vote Labour than national wage. All these factors favoured him.

I said I thought I would stand for N.E. any more. At next conference I should be just 65 & have been served in N.E. I just 25 years. Best to do like Tony was best, but better to just 65 than a bit less. And I didn't like the prospect of appearing in a committee or appearing in a committee or appearing in a committee. But I didn't want to cause the resurrection of Stewart, or any other old papers. I would like to be able to speak & write letters freely, about things & people, when no longer in Administration.

Tony said he hoped I wouldn't ~~miss~~ decide this too quickly. I said I wouldn't. But I wanted to see George people coming along.

DIARY.

15/10/51 (7)

DALTON I 42 (37)

I also remember my Cambridge Statutory Commission
Alexandrine "He sacked the lot at 65, & helped the
young to climb." --- "Submits a superannuation
bill"

(I'd see Dalton's P.S.B. pp 41-31 - accounts known
I should like to submit to show Parliament you after 1952!)

I feel rather determined on not standing again N.E. I don't
want to spoil a few years by an intricate defeat; and
to minimize it by a counter-intricate victory, or by going back
to the conference voting of all candidates, would seem very
wasteful.

Tony said Macdonald wanted Parliamentary Labour Party
to elect some members of N.E. But I brush this
aside as ~~is~~ impracticable & not very desirable.

We discuss future leadership. Allen shows from
history, because succession so difficult. I don't
like Herbert, & Mc is impossible. I said I
to Hugh, or Alf Robson, too late for me. Probably
- things will be better - too late to give (Million). He
shows how far forward he's got. Tony thought Stafford
hasn't got any possible ideas of machine. I said I
didn't think his health would ever stand it, & he had
someday had very odd ideas. But let's wait
impatiently, & see.

DIARY.

13/10/51 (8)

JALTON I 42 (38)

Two bus accidents, in Latham Park
M.A.C. Donald L. Hooley.

I met Maxvyn Stockwood, for the first time, with Tony
in the street, just outside the front door. Maxvyn liked
him at first impact. Tony says he's a cynical Xⁿ, but
I don't so have made him a Bishop.

Tony has finished his Fabian Essay. He says it's
very good indeed! I shall read it when the election
over.

I told Tony about my 2 years - w. Richard Volting
& Ernest & Henry. The latter want the former to
Dösching 200 women. Then they'd pick them up &
take a Swiss ^{with us} ~~left~~ get (look at)! From Volting to
revert!

Tony said my speech at St. Paul's Hill was good,
& very smiling. He thought some of my
platypus jokes were very funny! He couldn't
quite take it all about food & the wasteguns. He
thought Tony been wd. this sort of thing with
an re conviction. I said I was always not

compared with to say, on a platform, I am I believe
in God. The Beranika are a highly emotional, ecstatic
human personality. This maybe all right in private life,
but is impossible in public.

DIARY.

DARTON I 42

(39)

25/10/51

Polling day. Weather very fine. Drive round all day, starting at 9 am, with an hour's break for lunch, and 1/4 hour to tea, till 8.30 pm. Visit every polling station except Hunsbury & Weston Hill.

Then on wireless, with Will (Fabric & Doug) here from the bed! Got 10 pm. At 10.20 announced "Return at Watford". That was John Freeman. I figured a reversal. "But," said I, "that means no Tony Landslide." But would easily have washed away Watford.

As night went on, rather reassuring picture began to emerge. Our vote will be maintained, many seats held narrow, I had feared might go - & very few losses. Think "Dartington is one!"

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Our count. I had hoped for 26,000 to 16,000, but looked like it at start. But finally only 25,001 to 16,000, majority 8986. (Compare with Lab 25,039, C 13,669, L 4527, majority 11,370 in 1950.) But then very cocky. Count in Jubilee Hall; rather crowded. Declaration outside on football field rather quite a flop. Our loss here. 200 people there. Declared soon about 12.30. Back to lunch with Will & Fabric. Listening to results. Tom Anderson in afternoon. He has worked very well; machine has been small & efficient beyond all my previous experience.

DIARY.

DALTON, I 42 (40)

26/10/51 (2)

I never had a moment's trouble. I used to ring up at
about 12 noon, in my dressing gown, & discuss arrangements
for day. Our canvas was good in most places. Our

breakers again has been B.A. town. ^{he really pulled on}
Tories take a lot more to get time majority. ^{second day.}

Planned to catch train at 5.25 (D'ton) to get in at
9.55 pm. Boat missed this, & have to put back 1-st Helen &
catch a slow train (ending in London at

27/10/51

3.6 am. Met by Genny. Hair cut, refreshed, to see C.K.
Today - we relax. Time fixed at 11 am at Chelmsford.

Drive down & stay to lunch - only then, Vi & a Secretary.
Go to see Cherry Cottage which have bought & into
which they'll soon move. Only 7 miles from Chelmsford.

rather like Pensioner's Cottage just outside the great park.
An adapted cottage with 20 apartments & 20 views. A few
with very good views. They'll have no pied-à-terre in

London. It'll be a ^{new} ^{club} ⁱⁿ ^a ^{Club}.
She is to live here. They'll have no pied-à-terre in

London. It'll be a ^{new} ^{club} ⁱⁿ ^a ^{Club}.
[H.C.] says to me 3 ^{more} days later that she's a delightful
woman, politically Tory, now wants him to give it all up.)
He must have a new
speech & the future.

DIARY.

DALTON

I 42

(41)

27/10/51 (2)

Leadership. & give the younger people their chance.
He & Stalford in 1931 in the House, but not on the N.E.C.,
and Stalford & I on the N.E.C., but not in the House, had
a lot to do with party making. When our top end of
party was blown off by Macdonald's breakaway (Henderson's
death). We've done all that now; ~~the~~ write the first chapter

of the Socialist story, in law & admin. What next?

Our younger people must write the second chapter.

He says Har. was a terrible flop at Fy. He broach
the possibility of having Jim Phillips as a second deputy
Chairman - Trade Unionism & non-Londoners. I suggest
sending Milton to Har. He spoke as though this hadn't
occurred to him before. We think of Arthur Bottomley
as Chief Whip. But might seek appointed, not elected

Election results very good. Casualties minimized,
especially among our young. How wide we distribute

were!

28/10/51. Sunday.

Stay at all day, & see & speak to no one. A heavy
cold & a sore throat. But these wear off.
I begin to write letters of confidence & congratulation

DIARY.

DATION I 42 (42)

29/10/51

Familiar to office - now Local Govt & Planning, but to be
renewed by Torin Henning (Local Govt), in charge of Macmillan.
He would be able to build many more, if in many ways. My Govt
minutes (Soft) showed more than 17, was completed - a few
minutes. But Macmillan to steel, & Dullin Softwood, & Cement
& bricks! I said present to Sheepshanks, & Gwyther
& Sharp, & Wray, & Redden, & May, & Jim Jones, (Manning,
& at night to Henry, Redden & Luce, & Ray Jenkins
Liberation to time (2 afterwards had to my flat to talk)
Saw Jim Callaghan this afternoon. Not very keen on
my idea of having Jim Phillips as second deputy, along with
Stewart. He is now working with Alf Roberts & George
Kearns. I say they all ought to be on the Parliamentary
List. Then say S. B. thinks it ought to be W. to talk with
with the Bertram. Jim himself, of course, will
calculate carefully!

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Domino Donnelly rings up. I congratulate him on a very fine
result. He says the Bertram are meeting tonight at 8.30 pm,
at W. Wain's house - very close to me! D.D. will come
& see me at 9.30 pm tomorrow to tell me their decision,
& bring me to his house. (Voted to be on good room with

DIARY.

DALTON

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(44)

30/10/51 (3)

The fact of a work week man is probably true but he should want much more flexibility) & #9 of education, & want to do next with nationalized industries, & the dollar - saving problem.

He denied being completely in H.M.'s pocket, was a result of H.M.'s attack, but said he hoped I would resume work with H.M. I said I would run after him. I had remained C.C. at the time but set out in 1935 I had broken H.M. out but much had changed since then. "You've grown and he's shrunk." They will try to write some dollar articles, though he has a bitter memory of his own. He thought a mistake not to have had a year or so before under scrutiny!

John Freeman to see me in the afternoon. I say I hope Bernstein will now form a continuing caucus with the caucus. He agrees & says he thinks they would. I say I doubt there would have really is to fight about, apart from the caucus. He wants the ~~the~~ - my trace leads.

I spoke strongly of MiRando & Dr. Day. I said I was angry to have been beaten by them at St. Louis, of Barbara I felt quite differently. I said I knew that Michael

Stanton had been intruding with C.C.P.'s to work 3 votes, & only to support the Bernstein. He said he didn't know that they had been trying to get Barbara on a St. Louis off. His brother people he had worked with of the U. when H.M. had been 2 me.

DIARY.

30/10/51 (57)

I had a very fine time this morning, & supported the first to second deputy. He was delighted with it.

(So I decided to do more at the party tomorrow. I may not have done anything for 5 or 6 years.)

5.30 meeting of ex-Cub at Dick Stokes' house at 29 Palace St. Rather a jaded looking lot. Shrewell dreadfully talkative. He wants to play a part in opposition! Not to make sure of getting on to that tree! He's been at the Home today, talking to a lot of Chaps. ... Party down on its toes.

Long argument about speakership. Hephie Morris had now been dropped by Tories. They wanted W.S. Morrison. Some wanted to be in the line; others just to abstain in Morrison. Some wanted MacAndrew. Telephoning to B. Hephie.

My first offer was "we'll take MacAndrew, if you'll take 3rd class." This seemed a victory. But when reported to Winston, latter said W.S.M. had already been invited, with assurance of support from the side. We didn't accept this version. Finally got warning that Mac's support will be counted on. ... telephoning was there. I did the telephoning. He readily accepted to go on. But I supported well. In his absence from the room he 2.3 (was) present the succession. Both Taylor and the body being passed over. But to say it is to it. I proposed to Hephie to get some support. W.S.M. was said to favour Bowdler. I supported it.

First draft! Similarly with second deputy, I proposed John because of his position & doubts. But he was like. It comes to the same result, etc.

DIARY.

30/10/57.

A most moving letter from Hg, in reply to mine to him. This sort of incident makes my political life worth while. I reread the paper & first 2 last chapters of Terrans the Peculiar Institution. One of the

Prilled the friend of my youth. Perhaps I take the friend, it is of the remembrance of my own life. Post 1 like script and found them among those who are younger than myself.

Tony, at lunch today in front of Knowlton 2 others, said of John, that John felt Kennedy

the fall of morning ad; he was fat 2 2/3 lbs; no longer looked like the 2 members of the hockey team Hampstead; that was

And Tony said this with some sympathy & understanding, I suppose usually he sees so ~~the~~ 2 out of ~~the~~ of soccer, that he moves me in a new way.

Tony often reminds me of Madrigal. Post

the Madrigal is much older and more cynical

DIARY

DALTON I 48 (49)

1st/2nd end of Octob. 1951

The election results are wonderful. We are out just at the right moment, and our casualties are wonderfully light.

In my own constituency, the enemy didn't dig up past dirt, - stonily as the Lysokey Tribunal, on the building licences for The Grove - though I took up all the papers, in case they should.

They tried to prove that I had caused local unemployment in the Clothing industry, by my "Don't buy" speeches, - but this, though the ^{LEWINS} hearing was very upset, didn't cut much ice. They made a fuss in the press because I had some shares in Courtamolds. And they alleged, particularly in Darlington, that I mimicked the Tory candidates' impediment of speech. And they put it about that I was now too old.

Practically every young company with many other places!

DIARY.

DALTON I 42 (50)

Oct 1951, NP.

M/In election my thoughts on leadership. As far as I know, the
Clem must Rest on.

He can't take Hubert or Nye.

It's too soon for Hufsch or Alf Roberts.

It's too late for me. perhaps for Jim Gillikin, but has a possibility.

It's a very outside chance that Stallard ^{ever} will be able, on his mind, to
come back.

if Clem dies soon, and if V. persuades him to retire,
there'll be a problem. Under Hubert it would be a

Lefty ship, or a Socialist ship either. ~~Under Alf~~
Nye can hardly

hope to gather support in Paul's Party, for some time,
sufficient to give him leadership. But he may appeal

strongly to many in opposition, and memories and moods
are short. Hufsch has a long way to go. Jim looks in

retired stop job - that's his 61 already! And

Nye is 54.

W/D DIARY.

DALTON I 42 (53)

Beginning of November, 1951.

C.R.A. very strong in Party; can do what he likes for the moment. H73 O.M. well deserved, & everyone prides him.

Tories very disappointed at small majority, very embarrassed by having to swallow their election promises, & many very bitter at being left out of the Govt. Trying to create a "panic" atmosphere, but I don't think it will go.

Our good young men very bright & eager - Jim Callaghan, Wheeler & Roy. Tony Croshaw & Tony Benn less in a hurry. T.B. may be half a Beronite.

DIARY.4/11/51.

First meeting of new, or rather old,
Parliamentary Party. Many
surprises & delighted to be back. No
ground defeat in recent election.

Great oration by C.K.A., all rise
& clap for several minutes.

C.K.A., Hye & W.W. received
by acclamation. Usual atmosphere
of "well done! No change." It
won't have worked, or been ^{as} ^{well} ^{understood} ^{by}
me, - or anyone else - to take
Professor J.G. as second Deputy.

Ernest Hyslop proposed Nye, &
Hye to Hye as Deputy. But Nye
said simply "Thanks very much. But
I'm not standing." Voted with
majority 4/11/51.

Decided by narrow majority to
run Milner as Speaker against W.S.
Morgan. But more Resolutions for
to go down for Milner, & many ^{of} ^{the} ^{vote}
in opposition.

DIARY.

10/11/51

DALTON

I 42 (55)

Bob Frasa for walk & tea. He wants a change from C.O.I. Perhaps to something like N.A.T.O. Will soon speak to Bridges. Mrs. Worsley has been ill, in Bristol, or Padmore.

Russett is practically blind of R. Williams. He says they'll make her abroad this winter again. That she's very short-sighted, (he thinks from her teeth), & that is even getting worse. It's a great bore for her. Would be hard always to wear glasses.

on politics, it's tempting to regard this (as W. W. Watt said in Home (yesterday) as a caretaker govt. bet. two periods of Socialist rule. That Bob thinks it might work like this.

If, within 6 months, the Tories have got

Peace in Korea.

A new lot of dollars.

Less to spend on welfare or Remark

Welfare State essentially on maintenance, (some cuts in health & health maintenance.)

Something more of wisdom, & other distant things.

Some tax reduction, especially in income tax; & a few odd things that might help out for the country.

on the Peace theme, now marked with employment, etc...?

Worsley, he hears, is almost finished. I said it sounded like it at the Museum House.

We agree that there was a disaster at F.O. He tells me two stories

(1) Conflict with officials, military etc with them in Union on Suez.

It became clear that there was a problem on the Canal.

How do you tell him? Conflict at other end of table. Decided the

junior officials were ~~not~~ puffed up. Well, Sir. Don't you know we

ought to lead at a meeting?

(2) F.O. officials find state outside for election protest, with

postscript "Vote for MOUSSADEQ. The man who gets things done."

We speak of my memoirs. I shall start writing, I tell him, in Xmas

Review. After that, I'll fix meeting with him & Tony.

I say, Don't want to be old. 70 will do me! 65 years now. He says "What is it?" But he agrees that Paul & Afe & Deacy are no good.

DIARY

DALTON

I 42 (58)

13/1/51

not at all a bad tree. Jim Griffiths, an alternative leader,
 firmly on top. Hugs (Saitshell), Alf Roberts & Jiz Callaghan,
 complementary elements in the Young Leadership. ^{from} ~~some~~
 must establish itself in this Parliament well w/ ^{party because}
 the Beramites can. ^{putting to move the future independence,} ^{very few as they}
 I was irritated that I didn't poll more. ^{be beaten}
 I have reflected my Teasdale Frank in the last
 Parliament - and there's been no such vote since the end
 of Parliamentary Party since 1939. And I discuss some of
 the Beramites ~~with regard to~~ didn't vote for me, because
 I was a Saitshellite, & I seem to be out, Beramite, because
 it will have not come by H.M. - 2 others that I was much
 for friends with some of the Beramites; it should was
^{that had played for conciliation at party level} ^{and, no doubt, I lost some votes being}
 Kimmings. ^{been made to some people, & indeed frank about others.}
 Arthur Bottomley is very varied that I didn't poll more. He
 expected me to be near the top. He is sure to be in some
 dirty work somewhere against me. He thinks it's the Beramites
 George Brown, now dis liked, says that "something went wrong
 with the T.V. vote. He & Charlie Gibson & Blyden & Ross
 Edward (was very particularly angry) ^{were} let down. He thinks
 the Beramites, wrote strongly, he thinks, is interfering in the
 almost organized & scatter among divisions also - many in
 on the C.S. & down me & one or two others because they objected to
 some changes, after enquiry. ^{didn't think anything was organized.}

DIARY.

DALTON

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(60)

16/11/51

is much more conscientious German danger.
Younger, Dennis says, should be built up as a future Foreign
Secretary. He is a bit of a "leftist," & has an inferiority
complex towards, and a liking for, Nye. (J.F. I recall wanted
him built up against Germany.)

Kenneth Robinson, who also came to tea today, with R after
National Trust Executive, says he would like to have discussion
Jensen in Party next best about British Records, (German
Records, etc. (Tony Benn had sent to me last night
that he should discuss British Records, or "Beveridge")

K.R. (Hunt) I Re visit, perhaps. When taken he was in the
War, he was very reactionary as head of Columbia University,
& he wants German soldiers, to make more reliable
than French. The his Army. K.R. (Hunt) I Re visit
be a discussion for as President of U.S.A. Taft would
be had in a different way. But Truman might beat

him.

K.R. is versatile. He has just finished a life of Willie
Gibson. No one has ever done this before.

Diary.

DALTON

I 42 (61)

16/4/51

I spoke to HM about Crossman's idea of succeeding
Young. HM said he had never thought of it. I
told HM of Crossman's Statement, L Work, &
Sunday Pic, and of his Statement to me "if his is
a break, I shall go with Nye." This clearly
leaves HM in always playing Dick Double-
Crossman.

(I told J.E. I had scrapped Crossman, if, indeed,
this was necessary. He was very pleased.)

DIARY.

FALTON

I 42

(62)

18/11/51

Kenneth Younger is gossip in my flat. He has 3 children now, a girl aged 15½, & a girl & a boy born in the 1950 & 1951 elections. Between the first and the second there were ~~was~~ several mishaps.

He is winding up this week's two day debate on Foreign Affairs - on my insistence I said I'd ^{try} suggest some of McNeil and an offer by C.M. to me, which I declined. I don't want to speak in the House on F.A., so long as I have to defend Herbert's blunder. After an interval I might feel differently.

K.Y. had a very hard time at F.O. & at U.N., especially while S.M. was, he called, out of action. The volume of work at F.O. has increased enormously, especially through new Mexico - O.E.E.C., O.A.T.U., Comintex Group etc - since 1945. When Eden had realised this, after 2 days at F.O. he went to Winston & told him he couldn't lead the House.

I told K.Y. that Curran had wanted his job, when H.M. went to F.O. (I didn't tell him that J.F. had asked me to go into active on 16/3.) K.Y. said he had always walked in Dick's shadow, 2 years his junior, at Winchester & at New College. So he couldn't even repeat Dick's ~~conduct~~, or talking, in job. Delicate soft masochism, I thought. I also joined my conversation with Dick at end of last session, and Bellamy remark that he would soon have been conditioned as a Minister. K.Y. said he very soon would be, & would make a first class

DIARY.

18/11/51 (2)

DALTON / I 42 (63)

Munira. I said Dick was very much upset at not
 being seen either by CHT or ETS, after his
 Palestine Report. (In this, K.Y. says, Dick
 was somehow misled - perhaps by something
 Phil W.B. said to him - as to how Anglo-American
 proposal would be acceptable to ITAF, but had
 to be fitted 2 ways then - found dead. This was
 a turning point in his attitude to the ITAF.)

K.Y. said that he has been surprised - 2 days in
 a like case was David O'Brien - but on his
 return from 3 months was difficult work at
V.O., ETS never asked him a word about it. The
D.A. CHT. These two, he said, had very close
 personal relations!

He invited Malaya. K.Y. said the two help-ups
 at the F.O. were bitterly jealous of him. I would
 try to prevent his becoming P.U.S. K.Y. thought
 Sking & Malaya were the straight, but not the
 Dixon, a comba type & his sincere.
 K.Y. thought the mass of work at the F.O. and the need
 to be away so much at international meetings of all kinds meant

DIARY.

DALTON

I 42

(64)

18/11/51 (31)

Work in addition to the F. Secy, the Ministry of State & 2 U. Secs, then Brown to a Deputy F. Secy, who would be abroad at all times - on only 1 or 2 days at a time - & would present papers to the Cab on his case, normally F. Secy, of course, on major points, but present his detailed case himself. K-Y. has been all over, he recalls, to do practically his bit with the Jap Peace Treaty.

Having been much in the Cab since, he had noticed, heard the end, when Bevin, Cripps & Bevan were all gone, a Kenneth ^{Clarke} talk of ^{course} Johnson in the Cab. I said it had indeed got pretty bad!

It is a pity K-Y. hasn't more ~~of~~ weight & voice & presence. He has a good mind, experience already while still young, and ~~the~~ a sound approach. I think he's our best bet for a future Foreign Secretary. But next time maybe for Secy. So what do we do?

19/11/51

First day of two day debate on Foreign Affairs. It is mad & wretched speed, in ~~the~~ humiliating contrast with Eden who preceded him: a speech with everything, adding nothing. But so: ^{gambles & ignorance & insensitivity!}

DIARY.

20/11/51

Colin Clark dines with me at Joseph's, and we talk for some hours and then walk back to St Edmund's where he's staying - but only for a few days, & then racing round Oxford, Cambridge & Manchester, seeing economists before flying back to Queensland. He is an Reen & an able man. He now has 8 children, all sons, ranging from 15 down to 3 months. He takes a gloomy view of Britain's immediate prospects, and of the long term economic prospects of the world. We in the U.K. suffer, he says, from three ills - ^{the} cheap food, limitation of taxable capacity and continuously rising productivity. In Australia, and especially in Q, he is against the industrialisation game, as it now is, to absurd lengths. He is thinking of leaving the Govt service and sipping on his little garden. There are immense possibilities of closer settlement in Q - without vast expenditure on dams etc - but even many new rivers would have to go on the land. But it gets blocked in countless tiny vested interests. Stanton is ill, & Sam, his No 2 is jealous of him. David Mann, the new Head (Genl), was Haulwin's Secretary, young Reen. Pike, his

DIARY:

20/11/51 (2)

Predecessor is mental. He stands dead in the strands outside the office, and has refused to introduce me to his staff.

I tell Colin that Q is still my magic carpet country, & we talk of possibility of my leaving out last summer, air travel to be paid for by Lectures at Bristol University, etc. I tell id love to see Cairn, & the Altona Plateau, and Normanton & the Gulf, and the Great Barrier Reef, and the Limestone National Park, and to climb ^{my} Bottle Tree, the highest peak in Q. But only a little over 5000 ft, - all jungle, he said, & you have to wear high boots against mites & carry an axe. (A bit for strenuous, perhaps, when I'm turning 65!)

It would be a great trip & I ask him to ~~put~~ try to arrange it. I wanted to do it many years ago, but now I'm free than at any time since 1935, especially if, on my increasing ill-health is, I don't stand again for the National Executive.

I give Colin an introduction to Col. He can visit & see little at on pad.

Dixon
30/11/51

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A.P. Taylor & Lund; Jones Cat of Volatility
& Involatility.

(1) Statement on Gilbe (with volume now)
a on Rational market (same now)
Would it make much difference in result?
I believe prefer Rational!

(2) ^{Winn} Jones Cat Papers 1916 and after introduction.
Receipt my paper 1916.

I send Minister Receipt very
informative - "Some Minister said"...

He wanted papers particularly Minister had.
Something like said for

(3) He wanted to be Cat Cat: data L
All the same, Significantly missing -
"I am happy to see you" -
"I am happy to see you" -

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3/14/51

I wrote to Olga, in a note, "I'm glad I seem to matter
 (Lionel Brett had said this to her; he had been to lunch.)"
 am falling deeply in love with my long lost freedom
 after the slow years of Ministerial self-importance. I
 shall put this new freedom to all sorts of use, and
 perhaps write something about some of them."

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I 42 (69)

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10/12/51

Returned from Newton Hall, after 3 nights with Walstein. Wonderful taken care of! Very good food & drink, put to bed in the afternoon - L. of course, breakfast in bed. Took a view of medicine to Catherine. R.C. atmosphere very soothing. No wonder they fell ill, but they are low Frank Parkham notes his whole thing Jean nearly silly. Read Hemingway's "Across the River & into the Trees" & Graham Greene's "The Power & the Glory" - much less powerful than "The End of the Affair"; none moved me deeply.

More Hapsburg, Prince & Princess, & find you independent at Lincoln. Oxford, & stay very small & intimate, except the Pillar & Arch Duke (now Duke) & John Rothchild & his wife, & the little girls staying among the red-wine guests. I am on Friday night, stay to all Saturday (including sleeping in the afternoon) & on Sunday walk to prison with Harry in the morning, viewing cottages & drying machines.

Leave party on Sunday morning Noel Huron & wife. He says the best time left was because at Cambridge - Joan K. R. Kahan, W. Kaldor, etc. with A. Martin & family in the kitchen. Sheppard is retiring Jean for Marxist. Candidates - "the house" outside (with women), Rylands, Gray (Dale Stewart), W. Chanter (Dale Schermerhorn). Bevan has resigned the party. He was party & independent. Adcock has

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DALTON I 42 (70)

10/21/52

Successful thing was (congratulation) nice. He was always "keen on the college."

Amman or Albin. He served under him in Army. He had helped of a job in post. His nickname & standard of life fell: standard he said even more outside. I haven't yet read his book Stephen - X-men reading. He reads "John's" "John's"

To think on Sunday also @ Henry Moore, sculpture in presence of Balthus exhibit - "why didn't I ever allow to talk to you?" I could see he was going - Catherine says he'll be the judge to help @ Tony Kumbouridis. I saw of Sir Leslie, to whom I gave a postcard, - at 4:00. at the Priority School. Low will very again read. I will see to finish at 4:00. One post card. He says he is not reading, but doesn't write all his adulation is paid. I say "yes. It gives you - all part of Leslie."

Fuller & Jay (confidence & Moray of leadership). He'll do his military service before the war. Henry & Jeff I like & read interest in the future & key to find out whether long in interesting. These few men are very important for their all.

Dalton Dixon

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DAFTON I 42

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11/12/51

(~~and date back to 1945~~)

Fabian Transition conf. Second meeting. Terry was firmly
 in the Union. Orlichy's paper on Expatriation was, but Terry
 takes it slowly, as it's with here today. Bulph very
 polite to me, & after meeting, apologizing if he has said
 a rude thing to me last time. ^{He says he has} ^{spoken to him,} ^{perhaps Terry at Oxford last week end.}
 Terry had Harry Walker to lunch today, & says he heard the
 week end was a success. He & Mary are off to Paris tonight
 to see Ike's H.P.

D.J. & I dine afterwards at the Cante. We praise C.H.T.
 & I denounce H.M. He praises Bulph, in being after
 with ^{really} on his left. We discuss future leadership.
 He is for unity, in the 1. He thinks H.G. must have
 firm in L.M.G. on recte & Mass. I said this would
 work late postponed the work. He thinks M.G. will be
 the leader one day. He says G. Walker, Parkman &
 the rail head - to drive him out of the Party. I say he
 is quite silly. He says Gorman is a Jew - his work,
 he says was. H.G. is in favour of making M.G. & H. Wilson
 to work him because he. I say I feel very detached - in touch
 with the Party Program, M.G. & P.F.

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DALTON I 42 (72)

14/1/51

Yesterday & today preparing Broadcast (Party Political) with help of Tony Benn, - very useful, moves through life like a car, attractive, has reserves, & sense of humour, but not quite to be trusted. Michael Young (better at this than at policy making) & Bill Pickles (knows a good deal about it, but not quite on my line.) They do most of the first part, on home affairs. I myself draft the second part, mainly (Urban Renewal).

Brian Abel Smith to tea. I like him a lot, but he stayed 2 1/2 hours & then I had to push him out! Just missed office again at the Union by a narrow vote (against young Hunt for V.P.) He won't stand again. He's doing economic research under Joan Robinson, who is more interested in politics than in economics now, and is a Beveridge. B.A.S. is intended to do something on inherited wealth, and propose something very drastic.

Meanwhile he's been invited to go with debating team to India and Pakistan, paid for by British Council. Should he go? I say Yes. His college approves of him, & he thinks he might stay up another two years. He might do some supervising in economics. I wish if he's badly bitten by the political bug. He says Yes. But should one be straight with Parliament from being a Doc. I said Tony Geston's name mentioned by him in another connection, did.

He says Harry Walston ran into a lot of trouble at the election. They said he wasn't English, had stood ^{as a Liberal} and, worst of all, had name on the Conservative Panel! ^{A letter had struck.} But B.A.S. agrees with me that time is very attractive - if only to hear his voice on the telephone.

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DALTON I 42 (13)

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I was now, at Cambridge, Reviews about the City & the Government
He says Harry Johnson, Canadian, at King's is studying them, but he
knows his way about the City like D.H.R. Kaldor's lectures, he says
Box Office draw, & Anna Lee a most brilliant delivery.

The young men at Cambridge like C.R.K. very much indeed. He
he himself, been aging and going grey early. Tony Green
had had again since the election; he was then far more
such humor & perspicacity, & dealt so well with the
(T told me they had never heard the anti-Bernard
He had told them it was a matter of Left or Right,
more socialism or less socialism, but simply of optimism
Pessimism. He also said they went on much too much
H. Walston, and that they didn't offer him a drink when
he asked for one.)

B.A.S. says Jack Hobley was marrying into a higher so-
station, - a girl said now, till she met Jack, was in love
Tony. They only met in his car now.

B.A.S. is not so good looking, and intellectually able, as
but has the best young man for politics I've found at a university
since Tony. R. now stays back after dinner, says he's
governing class. And why not? he wants some money
in a national party.

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DALTON I 42

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19/12/51

Dined with Dick Crossman & Zita. He showed me his Diary of recent visit to SHAPE noted below. I had also heard an account, at second hand, on the telephone from Desmond Donnelly, who rang up to congratulate me, on behalf of the Beronites week-end at Buscot, on my Broadcast (anti-German-Remnant) & (2) from Balogh too, after Fabian tax ^{today} gave me some heads on which, he said, both a Lab & a Tory M.P., speaking to him separately, had agreed.

Balogh's leads were

(1) Both Ike & Monty agreed that they would get no armed Germans for 18 months. (D.D. also said this on telephone.) (Dick wasn't sure whether they had said this, or that they wouldn't get ~~an army~~ for the first properly trained & equipped German division, till 18 months after convention to create a European Army had been agreed by all Govts, i.e. much more than 18 months from now. Anyhow, no armed Germans, effectively, for more than a year.

(2) Both Ike & Monty said, they could hold the Rhine without Germans. (Dick said they added "by the end of 1952" but that they "could give a good account of themselves now." They spoke of the "emergency line of the Rhine." But this is 300 miles long.

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(3) 1952 the dangerous year, especially in spring and the end of the year. (But Dick points out that they always think next year will be the dangerous year.)

(4) Monty said that they wanted ^{armed} German ^{later} because "we are fighting for the soul of Germany." (Dick said he said "we could defend the NATO homelands without them; but we are fighting...")

(5) Ike said that they wanted armed German later because they wanted to liberate Poland, Czech-Slovakia and the Baltic states. (Dick said this was ^{not} quite fair to Ike. He had ^{used this phrase, but had} ^{explicitly} said he didn't mean liberation by war. See later note. And Dick didn't remember reference to Baltic States.)

So B's account was reasonably accurate.

Dick said he shouldn't let ourselves be ^{blackmailed} either by ^{war} German threat to go into the Soviet orbit, if not re-armed — neither the Catholics or the Socialists would want to do that — nor by the American threat to go isolationist.

He said that Zuckerman had said to him he hoped the politicians recognized what his next war would be like. But with one thing & another, this island would be finished in six weeks.

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DALTON I 42 (16)

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Other points mentioned by Dick, but not in his Diary.
Ike said at lunch "I gather my generals have been rather political this morning." Monty had said, asked on exact conditions he would give up German Rearmt, "if the Russians give up Eastern Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia." He said he had once asked Attlee "Will you ever rest content while the peoples of Eastern Europe are still under the Russian yoke?" C.R.A. "No." Monty. "That's the most important thing you've ever said in your life."

Dick's Diary. Extracts.

"Friday. December 14th, 1951.

Have just returned from two days in Paris. The invitation apparently came from General Eisenhower and, at the cost of the Ministry of Defence, 12 Tory and 12 Socialist M.P.'s crossed by the Dunkirk Night Ferry. ... Wigg had handpicked a good party, including Gosland, Jenkins, Baird, Lipton, John Hynd, James Callaghan and myself. ... New H.Q. at Marly, comprising some 286 officers. The show consisted of a talk by C.O.S. Gruenther, and a similar period with Monty, before a buffet lunch, followed by a brief briefing by the British Air Commander and a final talk by Ike. This was all timed nicely to last

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from 10.15 to 3.15.

Quentz said that even now the emergency Rhine Line can be held after a fighting withdrawal across Western Germany. He reckoned that the Russians have 175 divisions (I suppose all these figures include satellites), which can be brought up to 300 within 30 days of mobilisation, and 20,000 aircraft. Of these, 25 divisions, brought up in 30 days to 75 divisions, and 8,000 aircraft are in the European theatre. By next year, on present plans, our forces should comprise 30 divisions and 9,000 aircraft.

Monty started in jovial form, dispensing with an address. Under questioning, he states that the N.A.T.O. forces can defend the homeland of N.A.T.O. without a German contribution. Why we must not be content with this is because we are fighting for the soul of Germany. "If we were to lose W. Germany, war would be certain within 10 years. If we are W. Germany, it may seek to regain the lost provinces in the next 30 years." (This is fantastic!) Questioned, he said that we should be ready to sacrifice the rearmament of W. Germany in exchange

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for a similar sacrifice on the part of the Russians of E. Germany, Poland & Czechoslovakia. (Does this mean mere withdrawal, or disarmament?)

Under questioning, Mounty stressed the importance of the quick mobilisation of reserves. So far only the British, through our Territorial Army, had built up any mobilisable war reserve. Questioned last week, a British Territorial General had stated that it would be four months after the declaration of war before his division was fit for combat. Even if this ~~first~~ time were brought down to two months, it was not enough. What was needed was a month's training ^{each} year, & not merely the tendency to Reserve one doing now. (Dick said to me that this was obviously impossible.) But at least we are better than anybody else. In answer to another question, he told the story of how, ~~it~~ I think it must have been in 1948, he asked the Cabinet to give an assurance that, in the event of war, British troops in W. Europe would be reinforced by one single brigade. One Labour MP refused to give that assurance. This was a measure of the suspicion of Britain in W. Europe. They knew we were still thinking in terms of a Dunkirk.

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DALTON I 42 (79)

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He was emphatic, despite much questioning, which Gmentka, who was listening, obviously enjoyed, that the British should take no part whatsoever in the European Army but should give it every possible moral and technical support.

At a buffet lunch, I had a quantity of an hour with Eisenhower. Among the points he made were

(1) "I have told the Germans 'Nuts! You are wrong if you think you can blackmail me and get me to return you on your own terms.'"

(2) "Of course, Britain must decide for herself whether it is in her interest to enter a U.S.E. Maybe ultimately your choice is either to become the 49th state or to join the U.S.E. But it is a thing for you to think out for yourselves."

He also made it clear that, in the last resort, w. Europe can be defended without a German contribution. Like Gmentka, he was shifty, but said "no" when I put it to him that, if the Germans were returned, American land troops might be withdrawn from Europe.

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At a later stage in the lunch, I came back to this point with Gmentien, who explained to me how Eisenhower's published statement that, according to plan, American divisions would start leaving Europe in 1954 was due to a leak of an off-the-record remark. G added that when Ike said this, the U.S. Chiefs of Staff had not agreed.

After lunch, Ike's final address was a moral pep talk on the need for a U.S.E. & how it could not be impossible to change something man-made, like national frontiers. I felt he had made this speech pretty often before. Right at the end, in moving a vote of thanks, Jim Callaghan slipped in a question "When he had done all this rearmament, what were our intentions?"

Ike fired off a reply that our long-term aim must be that the free-minded peoples of E. Europe should once again be free, but that he should not do this by force, but that he should do it. He said all this with great fervor and left me the strong impression of a moral crusader who might well not be able to resist his own fervor when our forces have been brought up to a strength where they can take the offensive.

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DARTON I 42 (81)

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Reflecting on why Eisenhower had been so insistent that the Parliamentarians should be brought over, I came to the conclusion, with James Callaghan, that the Generals in SHAPE feel that they have done all they can without some political decisions. Mostly stressed, in answer to a question, that political decisions must take precedence over military organisation, and Ike's emphasis on U.S.E. shows that they all feel that the political framework must now be established and that, without a European Army, everything will collapse. The Atlantic Powers should ... come to a final decision on the European Army at Lisbon on Feb 2nd. But Churchill's decisive "no" to British participation has made it doubtful whether the Benelux countries will join. And if they do not - this was confirmed to me by Maurice Schumann next day at lunch, when he told me it was a Cabinet decision - France will refuse to accept a European Army consisting only of Germany, Italy and France.

M.S. gave an interesting account of his former lunch with Churchill, held on his way through Paris

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in September, which gave rise to the ~~former~~ historical
 "Whose Hand on the Trigger?" of the Daily Mirror in the
 election. M.S. said, simply, that Churchill had two
 themes (1) the recreation of the German National Army, which
 he tactfully put in the form that nothing must be done
 which could destroy the glorious French National Army,
 and (2) the desirability of talks with Stalin. When Schuman
 pointed out the contradiction, Churchill said "Well, if Stalin
 refuses to talk, he will organize a German National
 Army; & naturally the French there drew the conclusion
 that this was tantamount to saying that, if Stalin doesn't
 agree, we will make war on him. . . ."

Monday, December 17th 1951

We spent the week-end at Buscot, entertained by
 Gavin Farquhar, at our Beramite Conference. Some 19
 of the group turned up finally when he began on Sat
 morning at 11, but in fact the discussions were in the
 hands of a very few people. Harold Wilson, Tomes, Balogh
 & Dudley seem extremely dominated in the purely economic
 arguments, with a great deal of revision between Balogh & Wilson,
 since the former told the latter responsible for the confined
 contracts.

extent, caused a change of front in the north towards the principle of amalgamation. Much was said years ago by the northerners, against a union of the two territories, and there was in fact, a fear that the south would swallow up the alleged advantages to be found in the north.

The people of Southern Rhodesia, however, were not so especially keen on the idea. It is a case of the die-hards sticking to their guns which had resulted in the issue remaining really alive. There is an old saying "that if you shout loud enough and long enough the people will believe it." Yes! That is truly the basis of propaganda - keep on talking about it. The subject was discussed in the Southern Rhodesia Parliament and the Prime Minister referred the matter to the Imperial Government. Many years ago in reply to the pressure upon the Home Government, Southern and Northern Rhodesia were informed that the time was not yet ripe for such a venture. The Imperial Government did not, of course, close the door to amalgamation. The matter was left so that the question could again be raised. It will be recalled that prior to the subject being taken seriously to the Home Authorities a Conference was held at the Victoria Falls comprising delegates from the various political Parties of Southern Rhodesia and elected members of the Northern Rhodesia Legislative Council. At the Conference it was evident that detail had not been worked out dealing with amalgamation. The delegates seemingly /desired

My dear Hugh,

26th July, 1951.

On your recommendation I am personally putting forward the name of Coun. George Cosgrove to the Lord Lieutenant's Advisory Committee for the appointment of Magistrates.

In doing so I hope you will appreciate that I am definitely cutting across the recent decisions of the County Federation. I'm expected to support only those put forward by them, but ~~XXXX~~ I've asked Tom Anderson to see that his name is included in your list from the Division due in to the Federation during this year.

I was too busy with my duties to get a few words with you on Saturday last. It was a great day for Labour.

Yours sincerely,

Rt. Hon Hugh Dalton, M.P.,
House of Commons,
LONDON.

