

Papers of Hugh Dalton:
Original Manuscript Diary

Volume 36:
1948
(Folder of
Loose Typescripts
and Manuscripts)

Reduction Ratio:

12 x

Special Note

**Pages 1 - 3 missing from
the original**

Diary

11/2/48.

We have had published in the last week two White Papers, the first is "a Statement on Personal Income, Costs and Prices" the second out this morning, on "the UK Balance of Payments, 1946 and 1947". Tomorrow there is to be a debate on the former. S.C. & C.K.A. are to speak. The facts are very grim. The ~~balance of the~~ argument very strong the latter, perhaps not food. There has been some commotion in T.V. circles, & among our M.P.'s. They think S.C. is afraid; they fear what he may be up to; will Nixon be in touch? (It will be, they complain); will he "do another '31"?; what about profits?

Ed. with whom I had a few words at lunch today said he'd been asked to meet the T.V. people with C.K.A., S.C., etc., & was going. He was very doubtful of the wisdom of making such pronouncements. He thought they only irritated people, & made wage-claims & industrial strikes more likely. He hadn't been at the Lab, when it had been decided to publish this W.P. & he hadn't read it, he confessed, when it came down to him in the country with a mass of other papers. I would remember that before I left the Govt. it had been decided to call a conference of T.V. executives, - how matters were in the C. - and have a straight talk with them. I said I still thought this would be a good move.

in "revolt"!

12/2/48.

Today's debate went very flatly. S.C. seemed curiously unemphatic in making his strong case. Perhaps he got an anti-prophetic opening out of it. R.H. Lunn at 10. Making important was said. But the news was more the stone like a bit of dust.

Daily Herald

EDITORIAL OFFICE

2-12, ENDELL STREET,
LONG ACRE, LONDON, W. C. 2.

TELEPHONE: TEMPLE BAR 7788
1200

TELEGRAMS: DAILY HERALD,
INTELTUBE, LONDON.

PLEASE QUOTE
OUR REF:

February 8th, 1948

The Rt. Hon. Dr. Hugh Dalton, M.P.,
The House of Commons,
London, S. W. 1.

Dear Dr. Dalton,

I am highly honoured by, and most grateful for your consent to write a short foreword to my forthcoming book on migration.

Will you please allow me to say that nothing, to my mind, could do more to draw public attention to this highly important subject, conscious as I am of the inadequacy of my treatment of it?

Very many thanks indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Dudley Barker.

(4)

Dalton I 36

Diary.

Dalton I 36 (5)

29/2/48.

We are at W.L. We had lunch out! And worked in the garden, repairing barriers against grazing cattle & rabbits. And sat Benford & tea, rather a nice man, in spite of his head & his stutter. He is buying farms in all directions - at present 5000 & at present, when he would like to buy when he can get Mr Woodland's house - and he would like to buy Benford's. The latter is said to be selling & moving to Gloucestershire. Now his farm is farmed for him by the Woodlands. Benford came at his own request to propose a plan, like many others, for increasing incentive by reducing taxation. He says Mr Woodland's plan is one of his kind. Mr Woodland wants to leave his & work for Benford. He may have to take over & work Mr's farm. He thinks the W.L. Co. should let them do it very slack. They should at least cut every farmer to let them have what he is going to grow each year.

R & I have been much shocked by the news. This was an unprovoked aggression by the Communists, under Moscow orders. I & Benford have to drag ourselves back in, behind the St. The country would be practically minimum. We should have to live up with all the worst reactionaries. Ugh!

Today, I think the Russian preparation, to fight beyond their frontiers, is more likely than ever. It is difficult to think of the force of my strength. But they have Communist Auxiliaries, prepared & especially in Italy - & in France - there may be early trouble. But his need not mean WW III. Mean while Marshall is should come quicker!

This month now voting has been pretty active for me. I haven't been much at the House - I shall however for the Defence Debate - and I have made one speech for the Third Bench, on the People's Bill 2nd reading, supporting the abolition of Unir & Scotts and urging reconsideration of some details of Redistribution - so with the narrow gap between the largest and the smallest electors. I to reduce present heavy tax upon big All this is true just & expedient in our party interest!

I have done a lot of travelling & speaking this month Mr. Croxson (was the orator may win a remarkable victory!), Essex. Plympton, Paisley (over poll, an amazing victory!), Heckmondwike, Leeds - this is thought by my friends to have been very good, & it certainly stirred up the energy, now wane & lived for Sholto. I have also spoken in the various Presidential Debates - & I had taken it - I have & had Yorkshire write Pilska - & write 2 for the Statute.

Bldg.	Floor	Rooms	Tenant	Term		Rent p.a.	Charges p.a.			Present Total Rent and Housekeeping	Remarks
				Yrs.	Commencing		House-keeping	Firing	A.R. Shelter*		
1 2 8	Gd. Gd. L.Gd.	19/23 7/11 25	Pim, Vaughan & Co.	7	Mich. '48	£ 2,500	£ 160	2s. 6d. per day for each firelighted	£ s. d. 90 18 0	£ 2,450	
1	2	20/24	Arthur Woods & Co.	7½	L.Day, '48	650†	70	do.	12. 2 4	400	Subject to option on both sides to determine at end of first 3½ years.
1	2 3	15/19, 25/27 10/13, 16/20	Geo. D. Atkin & Co.	7	Mich. '48	2,000	250	do.	67 1 4	1,600	
2	1	1/3, 13/15	Thorne, Lancaster & Co.	10¼	L.Day, '48	915	85	do.	Nil	720	On surrender by present tenant, C. K. H. Hill-Wood.
2 6	2 L.Gd.	1, 2, 7/9, 12/14 Store	Hall & Co.	7½	L.Day, '48	1,000†	135	do.	28 7 4	765	
2	2	3/6	Statham & Son	7½	L.Day, '48	600	65	do.	Nil	375	
2	2	10	Norman Kent & Co.	7½	L.Day, '48	150†	12	do.	2 11 8	85	
2	2	11	Streeten & Rogerson	7½	L.Day, '48	120	15	do.	Nil	95	New tenants.
2	3	1/4	Baker & Hardcastle	7	Mich. '48	400	55	do.	8 12 0	283	Present holding— Rooms 1/3 and 6.
3	Gd. L.Gd.	18/21 29/32 18, 19, 26, 27	Shaw & Co.	7	Mich. '48	1,575†	110	do.	28 10 8	1,685	
3	2 3 L.Gd.	19/22, 29/32 12, 12a, 22a, 22b Store	Lazarus Bros.	7	Mich. '48	1,100†	150	do.	30 6 4	930	
3	3	13, 14	Lykos, Ltd.	7	Mich. '48	150	20	do.	Nil	100	
3	3	20	B. Gower	7	Mich. '48	90†	15	do.	Nil	70	
3	3	21, 22	Osmond Boyes	7	Mich. '48	200	25	do.	Nil	130	
4	L.Gd.	13, 14	C. R. Oven & Co.	7½	L.Day, '48	130	Nil	Nil	Nil	65	New tenants.
4	Gd.	16, 17	Shaw & Co.	7	Mich. '48	465†	35	2s. 6d. per day for each firelighted	Nil	340	
4	1	3/5, 14, 15	Emberson & Hughes	7½	L.Day, '48	800	80	do.	Nil	655	Subject to option on both sides to determine at end of first 3½ years.
5	2	23/28	Bone, Oldham & Mordaunt	7	Mich. '48	850†	85	do.	21 3 4	650	
5	3	15, 16	R. J. Steen & Co.	7	Mich. '48	200	25	do.	Nil	125	
5	3	19	John Owen & Co.	7	Mich. '48	135†	15	do.	2 4 4	95	
6	1	6, 7, 13	Bache & Co.	7	Mich. '48	575	50	do.	Nil	450	Subject to option on both sides to determine at end of first 3 years.
6	2	13	E. H. Jukes	7½	L.Day, '48	100†	15	do.	2 12 8	75	
6	3	4, 5	Glafar, Ltd.	7	Mich. '48	200	25	do.	Nil	140	
6	3	6	Oliver, Sheat & Harvey	7	Mich. '48	200	25	do.	Nil	120	
8	1	40, 41	C. M. Mitchell & Co.	7	Mich. '48	300†	25	do.	8 8 0	230	
9	1 L.Gd.	22/28 19	S. R. Scott, Stratten & Co.	7½	Midr. '48	1,000	105	do.	14 5 4	500	
9	3	16	P. W. Cowtan	7½	L.Day, '48	75†	10	do.	Nil	57	
9	3	17, 18	Goldsmith Bros.	7	Mich. '48	180†	20	do.	4 0 8	150	
10	1	8/10	L. A. Seligmann & Co.	7	Mich. '48	435†	40	do.	14 2 8	350	

* The last quarterly payment of A.R. Shelter charges to be made at Lady Day, 1950.

† Payable in advance.

14/3/48

Dalton I 36 (7) 2

The Right in England & L.G. said 'You must ask Mr Winston Churchill, because I cannot explain their attitude, either.' (p 28)

Again asked about Churchill, L.G. said 'He is lacking in judgment and has an obsession. He certainly has a brilliant mind, and is a brilliant writer, but that obsession of his comes forward in almost everything he writes. His obsession is, as you know, Germany. With that said "True he has written a book or two, but what are books? What a man does for his country lives far longer than any book."

T.J. said "But Hitler wrote a book, Mein Kampf it is called. Surely that book was a deed." L.G. said "Ah, Mein Kampf is a Magna Carta." (p 29)

Having seen some agricultural development, "at dinner L.G. said that when the earth passed through the tail of the comet it came in contact with a gas which, when it came into the atmosphere of the earth, made everybody doubly happy, feel more kindly & more well disposed. "Upon my oath" said L.G. "I am not at all sure that Hitler has not been hit by the comet in Germany." (p 23)

on pp 226-7 is a long quotation from an article written L.G. which is in the Daily Express of Sept 17th, 1936.

"Not one word of criticism or disapproval have I heard of Hitler.... He is the great workmaster of Germany.... The man who won for his country independence of all her oppressors.... Now Hitler said at Nuremberg is true. The Germans will resist to the death every invader of their country, but they have no longer the desire than others to invade any other land.... The establishment of a hegemony in Europe, which was the aim & dream of the old pre-war militarism, is not even on the horizon of Nazism. At Germany's rearmament there can be no question of its existence. All the victors of the Great War except Britain have overlooked the obligation of their own treaty with disarmament. The Führer... has followed the example of the nations responsible for the Versailles Treaty....

But it will take Germany at least 10 years to build up an army strong enough to face the armies of Russia or France on any soil (except her own....). As an offensive army, it would take quite 10 years to bring it up to the standard of the best army of 1914.... Hitler is a born leader of men... The old French him. The young; 'Dixie him.' (p 226-7. Let me in preparation of his hour of destiny in defeat."

L.G. was on Hitler's side even Czechs, but would not make a public speech, & was personally very bitter against N. Chamberlain. He was already, in 1935, very old & tired & soon, to no good purpose. I was staying at a hotel being in the Churchill Govt, & my job was to write...

Present :
MR. F. R. D'O. MONRO,
Chairman,
MR. W. ARCHER THOMSON,
MR. JOSEPH GARDNER,
SIR ALBERT STERN,
SIR ERNEST POOLEY,
MR. F. C. MASON,
THE MASTER.

DRAPERS' COMPANY.

ESTATE COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 26th February, 1948.

Mr. E. N. Clifton, the Company's Surveyor, attends.

City Property Generally.

195. The Clerk reports that the Public Inquiry at Guildhall before an Inspector of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning into the objections lodged by property owners in the City is now completed, and the decision of the Minister is awaited.

Mr. Derek Walker-Smith was briefed to support the objections lodged on behalf of the Company.

The Hall (Corporate).

196. An estimate for the renewal of the lift shaft wiring, amounting to £38, is submitted.

Resolved that the estimate be accepted and the work put in hand.

197. The Surveyor reports that he appealed against the refusal by the Ministry of Works to grant Licence for reglazing the windows of the Livery Hall, Drawing Room and Corridor, and that the Ministry have further considered the application and regret that refusal of Licence has to be maintained.

Nos. 1/10, Drapers' Gardens (Corporate).

198. Accounts of the London Hydraulic Power Company for £4 2s. 6d. and £2 9s. 6d. for repairs to the pumps and lift machinery are submitted.

Resolved that the amounts be approved and the accounts passed for payment.

199. The Clerk reports that the London Hydraulic Power Company have raised the percentage increase on the charge for supply of power from 47½% to 57½% as from the Christmas, 1947, meter readings.

200. The Clerk reports the receipt (through Messrs. Jones, Lang, Wootton & Sons, the Company's Agents) of offers from twenty-seven tenants and two proposed new tenants, as set out in the following schedule, to take the rooms specified on the terms and conditions stated therein.

Resolved to recommend that Leases be granted to the respective parties as follows, the rent in each case to be inclusive of current rates:—

Nos. 14 & 14a, Austin Friars (Thomas Howell's Trust).

208. The Surveyor reports that the Lessees have now resumed full occupation, and that he has provisionally agreed with their Surveyors that the proportion of rent applicable to such occupation with the dates of commencement should be as follows:—

First Floor from 16th November, 1947, at the rate of £230 per annum.

Ground Floor from 14th January, 1948, at the rate of £370 per annum. which figures, with the £450 per annum payable from Midsummer, 1947, in respect of the first stage of occupation, approved by this Committee in September last, make up the full ground rent of £1,050 per annum.

Resolved that the above figures and dates be approved.

No. 25, Austin Friars (Thomas Howell's Trust).

209. The Clerk reports the receipt from the War Damage Commission of Notice of Determination of Value Payment (Form Val. 8) giving the assessment of the Value Payment at £10,500, made up as follows:—

Before Damage.	After Damage.	Value Payment.
£40,000	£29,500	£10,500

which figures have been agreed on behalf of the Lessees and are recommended by the Surveyor for acceptance.

Resolved to recommend that the Value Payment be agreed at £10,500, as above.

Nos. 17 & 18, Walbrook (Corporate).

210. The Clerk reports the receipt from the War Damage Commission of Notice of Determination of Value Payment (Form Val. 8) giving the assessment of the Value Payment at £12,300, made up as follows:—

Before Damage.	After Damage.	Value Payment.
£24,300	£12,000	£12,300

which figures have been agreed on behalf of the Lessees and are recommended by the Surveyor for acceptance.

Resolved to recommend that the Value Payment be agreed at £12,300, as above.

No. 55, Gracechurch Street (John Rainey's and Francis Bancroft's Trusts).

211. The Clerk reports the receipt from the War Damage Commission of Notice of Determination of Value Payment (Form Val. 8) giving the assessment of the Value Payment at £4,500, made up as follows:—

Before Damage.	After Damage.	Value Payment.
£10,000	£5,500	£4,500

which figures are recommended by the Surveyor for acceptance.

Resolved to recommend that the Value Payment be agreed at £4,500, as above.

No. 138, Upper Thames Street (Corporate).

212. The Surveyor reports that in carrying out the reglazing of the war damaged windows of the ground floor premises occupied by G. Cafaro, authorised by this Committee at an estimated cost of £34, the builder has discovered that further repairs are necessary, estimated to cost £10, the whole of which is reclaimable from the War Damage Commission.

Resolved that the additional estimate of £10 be accepted.

14/3/38

Dalton J 36 (9) 4

would refuse. He sent a letter next day refusing, but saying he would like to help with food prod. (on May 21st L.S. had said on the telephone L.S. 'I begged them ... but four ... not to come with it ... but when I knew we were unprepared. I said definitely that without Russia on our side you will be smashed. How angry they were with me!' (p 267)

on May 30th he had a letter from W.C. This was friendly but said, in effect, nothing doing about Chairman of a Food Production Council. (p 268)

on June 6th he spent 1 1/2 hours with W.C. now, this time, made him a firm offer. He said he must have time to think it over. on June 7th ~~W.C.~~ Beavanhurst is pressing L.S. to go in. (Clearly he didn't accept. but date of refusal with Clea) (p 269) on June 27th he said

'Nava will go in with Neville.'

on July 2nd A. J. ... ~~with Henderson~~ lunched with L.S. ~~the latter~~ ~~with Henderson~~ lunched with S & Wm Roy Keen L.S. showed for in.

on July 6th Beavanhurst writes "Winston feels the need of you. He thinks that you spurned his previous offer. If Winston comes to you within the next week, I beg of you to give it your earnest consideration"

but nothing happened. He got older & sower. (p 270)

still trying to edge him in in Oct. on Oct 8th he wrote "I think there are serious I can remember, but it is not just yet. The country does not quite realise the peril it is in." He was rattled by the bombing over the attempt of it at a distance. He was afraid to come up to Parliamentary debate.

Nov 10th W.C. died. Dec 12th Lulham died. L.S. on a possible successor. How Dawson said "you would be bored stiff having to listen to people who dig deeply into the surface" (p 281) Jan 20th 1941. Dame L.S. died.

Oct 23rd 1943 L.S. married again. on Dec 19th 1944 ^{accepted} offer of an Earl's. Jan 1st 1945 Earl's in New Year's Honours. March 26th 1945 He died.

No. 2, Drapers' Gardens (Corporate).

201. *A. G. Bower & Co.* The Clerk reports an application from A. G. Bower & Co., the tenants of Room No. 11 on the Second Floor, for Licence to underlet to Streeten & Rogerson, Stockbrokers.

Resolved to recommend that the necessary Licence to Underlet be granted.

No. 4, Drapers' Gardens (Corporate).

202. *I.B.T. (London) Ltd.* The Clerk reports an application from I.B.T. (London) Ltd., tenants of Rooms Nos. 4, 5, 14 and 15 on the Ground Floor, for Licence to underlet Room No. 15 to Walter Klauber.

Resolved to recommend that the necessary Licence to Underlet be granted.

203. *Emberson & Hughes.* A specification and estimate, amounting to £45, of War Damage repairs required to be carried out to Rooms Nos. 3/5, 14 and 15 on the First Floor, in the occupation of Emberson & Hughes, is submitted.

Resolved that the estimate be accepted and the work put in hand at that cost.

No. 6, Drapers' Gardens (Corporate).

204. *McEwen, Barnes & Co.* The Clerk reports that Mr. E. F. V. Barnes (trading as McEwen, Barnes & Co.), the tenant of Rooms Nos. 8/12 and 24 on the First Floor and 10 and 11 on the Lower Ground Floor, has left the country. It appears that these rooms have since his departure been in the possession of a Limited Company, McEwen, Barnes & Co. Ltd., who are now in liquidation. No consent has been given by the Company to Mr. Barnes to sublet or assign the rooms. The quarter's rent and charges amounting in all to £219 5s., due at Christmas, 1947, in arrear, are outstanding. The liquidator of the Limited Company offers to give up possession.

Resolved that the Company take possession of these rooms with a view to reletting, and that the Solicitor be instructed to take the most suitable steps to recover the outstanding rent and charges, without having recourse to Court proceedings.

205. An account of A. E. Foster, for electrical repairs required by the Electric Supply Company, amounting to £6 10s., is submitted.

Resolved that the amount be approved and the account passed for payment.

No. 7, Drapers' Gardens (Corporate).

206. Accounts of John Farrell for roof repairs, amounting to £4 5s., and renewal of wastepipe, amounting to £3 5s., are submitted.

Resolved that the amounts be approved and the accounts passed for payment.

No. 9, Drapers' Gardens (Corporate).

207. *Chaco, Ltd.* The Clerk reports that the Liquidator of this Limited Company, tenants of Rooms Nos. 21/27 on the Second Floor, has now offered to surrender the Tenancy Agreement without payment on either side.

If the surrender is accepted the Company will receive the rent and charges payable at Lady Day and Midsummer next, in advance, by the Sub-Tenants, amounting to £500.

If the surrender is not accepted the Company are due to receive from the Liquidator the rent and charges reserved by the Tenancy Agreement payable at Lady Day, Midsummer and Michaelmas next in arrear, amounting to £495.

Resolved to recommend that a surrender of the Tenancy Agreement be accepted without payment on either side.

Diary.

Dalton I 36 (10)

4/4/48. At W.L.

I am alone here; R went back on Friday (2nd) for the Annual Conference of the London Labour Party. But he had just over a week together here. The Easter sunshine was wonderful, and the peace I find here, - & I hope & think she still does - is very deep. The buds of our winter-leaved trees are breaking. The first ~~one~~ flowers are out on one of the cherries. The rosemary has been covered with its little flowers, & spreads its scent. There are daffodils everywhere in the grass. The jades tree is beginning to break. The lawn, rather devastated by molar lightning - things may seem to have gone & I have tried to repair the damage, in mown. I have been clearing the grass from around the flowering trees at the bottom right hand corner, & from a few others, & wheeling barrows, - some of chalk & some of sods to make heaps, & some of lawn earth to replace the cleared space round the trees.

I am feeling very well, (a very broad one a sign of this health; in my last months as Chancellor I was, for the first time in my life, constantly constipated!) and, I try to write this quite honestly, I don't want to go back into the fort yet. I feel almost cowardly in saying this. But the sudden relief from responsibility was immense, and it is continuing. I have been touring the country a lot, and speaking to good audiences outside London. (The meetings in London, in N. Battersea & N. Paddington, weren't meetings at all, but shouting matches & no noisy nights out. Rather a bore, I thought.) This last month I enjoyed very much two days at the Balfour by-election, which he held by 4,500, a better majority than I expected, & 3 days in South Wales - Swansea U.C. (where Fulton is Principal & they have a fine piece of real estate, in the middle of which I used to build a Hall of Residence for them; now they all disappear at sunset, which is not University life), Cwmavon, Port Talbot steel mill, (a fine show too, but so late starting that it would be in production by 1950 at earliest), Cardiff S.Wales Regional Conf, (to the Cong Hall, which both small compared with my heroic memories of 1923!) & Neath, (Sally Hall, a great & enthusiastic jacking in my Home Town; my first appearance since they gave me the freedom.)

I am thinking forward now to next election for W.A.M.S. I should like to have a personal contribution, like P.S.S. only much smaller, & with a bit more freedom in Conf & Executive decisions. This is the most useful & constructive thing

Diary.

Dalton I 36 (11) 2

4/4/48. (contd)

I can do outside the Govt. And I must spend time 1953 Summer in my constituency - to be ^{more} ~~entirely~~ ^{politically} ~~unseen~~, but beautified under Redistribution. It has been left very fallow, deliberately, but now he must begin to tackle both organisation & propaganda. I propose at first to descend on Millerton in Teesdale, with a party of 100's, do a meeting, & then hike for a few days along the Pennine Way ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~to~~ ^{to} this in my capacity as President of the Ramblers' Association; then a few days in the constituency before Party reassembly, & then at least a continuous fortnight in the Summer vacation.

Tomson's Cripps will explain his first Budget to the Cabinet and the King. I shall be there. I suppose I shall feel sad & jealous, but I really don't. I expect to approve of his Budget, & have it in mind to speak next day, & to touch on Debt Redemption Levy & Direction with gilt-edged.

R. I know, is much pleased of me to get back into the front line I am. If it doesn't happen by August, she will be very disappointed. ^{because of my long absence} Therefore, I hope it will happen by August, but I doubt if, in fact, it will, unless some one near the top cracks. For there is no hole at present!

Writing for the Herald, with the aid of Pilcher, is not difficult. It is reasonably remunerative. Other writing is a bit of an effort.

I have read Beardsley's 1 Night to Live. A melodramatic title for a not very good book. In fact, he never held an important enough post to be very inner circles, & hence to have revelations to make. But he has some rather attractive characteristics, & I have copied a passage or two.

Diary.

Boston's "Right to Live"; autobiography, ~~by Herbert~~ read in
 Easter 1948.

B engaged in "the Mosley talks" after his latter resignation in 1931. These were designed to eliminate the ^{existing} leaders of all 3 parties. Nothing came of them, and those Conservatives who had taken part in them were severely castigated in public by Mr Baldwin, who accused me of 'hunting with packs not our own'. A black mark was duly recorded against our names. But in the meantime Mr Baldwin was (nearly) doing some much more effective hunting of his own. His influence over Mr Ramsay MacDonald had always been pervasive, if gently exercised. During the spring & early summer of 1931, it appears that a series of agreeable informal meals was arranged between them, to which certain carefully selected leaders of the three main political parties were invited. They did not include Mr Lloyd George or Mr Churchill. Nor did they include Mr Arthur Henderson, the powerful political boss of the Labour Movement, although he was Foreign Secretary at the time. These events - fortunate or unfortunate according to taste - coincided. One inevitable financial crisis developed, with a heavy run on the Bank of England; Churchill finally broke with Baldwin on the subject of India; and Lloyd George had to undergo a major operation. There never could be a better chance to exclude from the Government of this country - permanently it was hoped - the only two men of authentic genius in our public life. It was swiftly taken. . . . This was no "National" feat. It was simply a get-together on the part of the Boys of the Old Brigade, who climbed on to the bandwagon and sat there, rain or shine, until they had brought the British Empire to the verge of destruction." (pt 42-3)

con) R.M. Langsam coffee in June, 1932, B reporting it for the Sunday Dispatch. Papan, Chamberlain, "looking like a well-programmed fox"; Herriot; J.R.M., N. Chamberlain & Kennelmann. "Arrived at 7 o'clock on Thursday morning. At 9.30 a message came that the Prime Minister would like to see me. This was a characteristic interview. I deliberately drew him by saying how well he looked. The effect was instantaneous; 'To tell you the truth, I am absolutely rotten'. Head buried in hands. Then a long story about how badly he had been sleeping ('only an hour or two without sedatives') and what a strain it was having to do Chamberlain's work as well as his own. The latter has just: I went to see him later, & found a rather discomfited figure sitting on a balcony in blazing sunshine, in

Diary.

Boston (contd)

a black suit & snowboots. He said he didn't think much would come out of this conference. My guess is that he is right. MacDonald went on to complain bitterly of the France leakages, which are an invariable feature at all conferences, as if they were done for the sole purpose of annoying him.

"It is murder to let Rumkin arrive pink, fresh & competent. He spends much of his spare time with the Rumkin, listening to his organ at the Presbyterian Church. One P.M. at once renewed his complaints about the dissemination of doctored French information behind his back. That it had reached London was proved by no fewer than three letters he had received that morning from people 'prominent in the social world' (I detected a gleam of amusement in Rumkin's eye at this) and he was going to raise the matter with Herriot." (p 104)

"Next morning, having received a further command from the P.M., I had (to my horror) to get up at 7 am. in order to be ready for the now famous walk at 7.45. He was punctual to the moment, in knickerbockers and a cap. We walked for about three quarters of an hour by the Lake. He talked about Hoover's Disarmament Proposals, as if they had been published with the main objective of wiping his eye at the Disarmament Conference, which is palpable nonsense. . . . We went back to breakfast at 8.30. One P.M. raved a good deal about the Govt. I said it was extremely reactionary, & he agreed, but said he couldn't stop it. This I don't believe. He has never tried. He said that the Labour vote in the Country was pointing back to the Labour Party. . . . After this talk I am more than ever thankful that I never had anything to do with this Govt. It is a remarkable creature, without character or theme. I must say that MacDonald has been very agreeable to me personally. . . . I am very sorry for him. He is melancholy and lonely. That is the fate of all suspicious people." (p 106)

At the end of 1934, as Namica wrote at the time, the Country was weary and worried. Eager & bold would have been out of place; no one wanted to see it renewed. There was no call for experiment and adventure, for bold imaginative leadership, for greatness. "Sated & sophisticated, civilized, sensitive & war-weary, the Democracy had a conscience and no faith - the most dangerous condition for individuals & nations." (p 133)

Diary

Borahy (cont)

In March, 1936, Hitler entered the Rhineland, & Baldwin "converted" our paralysis into something like visus mortis by appointing Leslie Morrison for the coordination of Defence. "Many people asked why Mr Churchill, who had held the Office of First Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for War, Secretary of State for Air, & Minister of Munitions had not been appointed. One answer is quite simple. He would have roused, disturbed & alarmed the Country." (p 137)

B. G. (p 146-7) Chamberlain's rejection on March 24th 1936, after Hitler's annexation of Austria, of Litvinov's proposal for a Conference of certain Powers to discuss practical measures for preventing further aggression, & "the defeat of the German Chamberlainian penetration, ending here

"I have watched this famous island descending continuously, feebly, the stairway which leads to a dark gulf. It is a fine broad stairway at the beginning, but after a bit the carpet ends. A little further on there are only flagstones, & a little further on still these break beneath your feet. . . . If mortal catastrophe should overtake the British Nation and the British Empire, historians a thousand years hence will still be baffled by the mystery of our affairs. They will never understand how it was that a victorious nation, with everything in hand, suffered themselves to be brought low and to cast away all that they had gained by meagre and sacrifice and absolute victory - 'you will the wind'." (p 147)

In Sept, 1936, just before Munich, Borahy to Geneva, & called on Litvinov, who "immediately burst into bitter complaint against the British Govt. Here he was, representing one of the great Powers of the World at Geneva, at a time of a acute international crisis, & yet one of the British representatives had even paid him a courtesy call. For all he, or they, knew we might be allies in ^{within} a few days. Yet they did not seem to think it worth while even to take the trouble to ascertain his views on the situation." [They had been no staff talks, since no political talks.] "I then asked him point-blank whether, in the event of a German attack on C.S., Russia would fight. He replied that if France fulfilled her obligation to C.S., so would he S.U. . . . And he gave fragments of the number of airplanes they would place at the disposal of the Czech Govt in the opening phase." (p 161)

Is Max Bar de La Haye, acting on behalf, now wired to Ldn of intention as to whether he might see Litvinov. This was good. Is flew back to Ldn, via Harrogate, was "good full note" & what L had told him (p 161)

Diary.

Berlin (cont)

Praise of Litvinov "one of the ablest, most far-seeing, & most far-sighted diplomats who ever trod the European stage." (p 162) Then further his speech after appearance when Hitler entered the Reichstag.

Lippmann's "U.S. Foreign Policy", p 63 says that real significance of Munich lay with fact that Britain & France agreed to exclude Russia from a settlement which had the highest strategic consequence in Eastern Europe. In sacrificing C-S to Hitler, Britain & France were really sacrificing their alliance with Russia." p 163

Pp 172-7 are important. They give evidence that if he had stood up to Hitler at the time of Munich, the Germans would have put him away, & that Germany was in no condition to fight. (Cf my Penguin.) Evidence here is based on interrogation of General Halder & G. M. von Rundstedt after capture in 1945. Some account given that these generals said had already appeared in the Press. Halder succeeded Beck as Chief of G.S. at beginning of 1938. Preparations for a very 1936 programme being carried out by midsummer of 1938. Halder had 35 divisions of whom he (Czechs) was a full match. He commands C-i-c Brauchitsch, & they agreed that "war with C-S is a hopeless proposition." Rundstedt, C-i-c Silesia, who went to command Army Group West C-S in event of war, agreed. All 3 thought the Czech participation in the war & West were almost inevitable, & his comparatively superior to those of the Maginot Line. --- The Siegfried Line was the biggest bluff in history. Throughout the summer of 1938 they had only 5 effective divisions on the Western Front. "we came to the conclusion," said Halder, "that in the event of war, we should be totally defeated in 3 weeks." G. Jodel, at the Nuremberg trial "It was impossible for 5 active & 6 reserve divisions to hold 100 French divisions in a West Wall which was then merely a huge construction site." (p 173)

In view of Hitler's determination to show, the generals decided to immerse Germany from this madman. All plans were made in detail, a Panzer division being moved to Berlin. All the military leaders, & Halder, Chief of Berlin Police, was in the plot. "Hitler arrived in Berlin from Berchtesgaden on the morning of Sept 14th. Halder heard of this at midday, & immediately went on to see Witzleben & complete the plans. It was decided to strike at 8 pm. The same evening. At 4 pm a message was received in Witzleben's office that Chamberlain was going to fly to Munich the next day to see Hitler at Berchtesgaden. Halder then decided not to await events "if Hitler had succeeded in his bluff, he would not justify C-i-c calling it." That if Chamberlain had delayed his flight 24 hours, there might have been no war! (p 174)

Diary
Berthel (cont)

Dalton I 36. (16) 15

Even in Sept 1939, "if Germany had attacked, Germany must have been defeated" for out of 55 effective divisions, he had only 40 in Poland.

Italdia would have cut off the retreat of the BEF to the sea, but Hitler commanded him. He was completely taken in by the Churchill-Stalin Declaration in 1942 about the Second Front, & transferred 10 tank divisions from Strasbourg to the West Wall in Sept. 1942. This was the turning point in the campaign against Russia, & in the war.

"It was Germany, not Britain, who gave us the time to remain between May, 1938 & the opening of the Western offensive two years later. Before 1938, the German Army was in no condition to fight anyone. In 1938 it could have been defeated with ease. Not until May, 1940, (14 months after the occupation of C-S & the Skoda works) did the German General Staff consider it safe to strike. And even then it was mainly due to the fact, before March, 1939, he had made a serious effort to remain." (p 177)

In p 177 in Trevor-Nepson is quoted (Last Days of Hitler, p 8) Confronting, C. C. C. Italian evidence.

[How right I was, & then Labour Party leaders, who said "Stanley the Czechs!"]

On March 10th Hitler made a speech against jitters & in favour of a peace. He was asked by Hitler, Mussolini & Stalin, Chamberlain & Daladier in London on March 15th. Hitler occupied Prague. (p 165)

As with Chamberlain, on Oct 3rd 1939 "the miserable fault is... that, with the miraculously short period of 5 years, your Govt reduced this country from a position of world supremacy and absolute security to one of mortal peril. It took the Roman Empire a hundred years of most supple decadence to achieve the same result." (p 164)

On pp 219-220 B states that, ^{at Kinnaird} the day after the Norway debate, his speech met again, & he went on to 3 times saying, "Satisfactorily released to the press" (after a word, not mentioned here, with Jimmy Walker & me) (1) then made a note for me & 3 others, (2) to P.M. showed chosen his colleagues, composed a note, (3) all staff of my P.M. room & from such a Govt, more for one man (Dob).

Winston: "Like his famous ancestor, the first Duke of Marlborough, he fell from power in his hour of triumph; & for much the same reason." (p 247)

Diam

Beaulty. (cont.)

Dalton I 36

(17)

6

In a postcard to p 222, B writes W.C.; on 2nd of the Day, at the
time of Dunkirk & the Fall of France, addressed to all Ministers.
B adds "It is something to have been a member of the Govt whose
stand is 'the hour when earth's foundation fled'."

"In these dark days the Prime Minister would
be grateful if all his colleagues in the Govt, as
well as his officials, would maintain a high
morale in their offices; not minimising the gravity of
events, but showing confidence in our ability and
unflinching resolve to continue the war until we
have broken the will of the enemy to bring all
Europe under his domination. No tolerance should
be given to the idea that France will make a
separate peace; but whatever may happen on the
Continent, we cannot doubt our duty and we
shall certainly use all our power to defend
the Island, the Empire & our Cause."
W.C.

National Union of Mineworkers

(NORTHUMBERLAND AREA)

Telephone : Newcastle 22445

Private Address Telephone Numbers :

Mr. J. BOWMAN - Gosforth 51271
Mr. H. MCKAY - - Shiremoor 344
Mr. W. ALLAN - - Gosforth 53664
Mr. J. W. BESFORD - Gosforth 53754

*Get over
by 3.45
been
done*
Offices: *Burt Hall,*
Northumberland Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne, 1.

21st November, 1947.

Dear Mr. Wagstaff,

I am exceedingly obliged by your letter of the 20th inst., and delighted to learn that Mr. Dalton will address our Mass Meeting to be held in the City Hall, Newcastle, on Saturday, 29th inst., commencing at approximately 3.30 p.m.

I shall contact Coun. W.N. Davis, Manor House, St. Helen's Auckland, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, and you can rest assured that I shall arrange to have Mr. Dalton conveyed by car from and to Manor House on the 29th inst.

Yours truly,

H. S. Jones
Secretary.
H.S.

F. Wagstaff, Esq.,
11, Downing St.,
London, S.W.1.

Dalton

I

86

172

Diary.

Dalton J 36 (18)

13/4/48 (Tuesday)

After a meeting in P.M.'s room at the House this afternoon of Chairman of N.E. & its Sub Comm. to consider what to do about Platts Mills & other federal travellers, etc. asked me to stay a talk. He then raised the question of my return to the Govt. He would like it to happen soon, but the question was how. Would I be willing to take a Dept which was ~~not~~ ^{now} outside the Cabinet, if I were myself in the Cabinet & at the head of things? I asked what Dept he had in mind. He said Civil Aviation. I said I would make a trial of it. I would prefer to come back on a non-Deptal basis. We then discussed Chancellors the Deputy. I said I thought I would like this if I had energy to do. I didn't, of course, want for money. He said he wanted me to be not only in the Govt, but on the Economic Policy Unit & the Defence Unit. I raised the question of status in the hierarchy. He said "you would go back to your old place." I interpreted this to mean after H.M. S.G. & S.C. He said he wanted to make use of my "experience and advice as an elder statesman." I said I would prefer to return, but would be very happy to do so when all the conditions were right. I mentioned Commonwealth Relations as a Dept which attracted me, not so much the Indians, as the white Dominions. But it looked as though a non-Deptal secretary would be best. (I said it was just 5-11)

Diary

Dalton I 36 (19)

15/4/48 (Thursday)

I thought I should see the P.M. again before the week-end
after lunch at the House, went to his room, where I found
only Arthur Meyle and Tom Brown, the latter gossiping.
I asked P.M. whether the P.M. would be free any time
tomorrow or tomorrow. He very thoughtfully said the
answer was "come now". So I went in, as of old, just
after 3. I saw C.A. alone in the Cabinet room. All
papers seemed cut & dried. I confirmed my first impression. I
didn't want to be Minister of Civil Aviation. It was a Kew Garden

Dept & I knew nothing about aircraft & it would seem very
artificial to promote the M.C.A. to a post among State Ministers.

One of our younger up-&-coming Chiefs showed clean the
struggle. I thought I would prefer to command air & sea-

Deptal Minister - Chancellor of Exchequer if that can be
earliest. But I repeated that I must not lift. (Suffold)

went after him, Mr. E. C. I had always championed the
the Treasury. I recalled I would not be sent above S.C. He
accepted all this, & said he thought it should be about 200,000.

"Before or after the Party Conference?" I asked, and suggested that there
was a radical point here. I showed I thought there was a sympathetic
oration at the conference and there might even be demands from the
floor for my receding into the front. C.A. thought this pointed to doing it
just before the conf. "Because it might look like yielding to
the masses." "I suppose left it?" I said I would like to go to Paris the

Diary

Dalton I 36

(20)

15/4/48 (contd)

Week-end after next work on a Minister. I've written Jo. I said I would undertake a small staff, a P.T. whom Bridges must find for me, to hold down papers & deal at the proper level, with other Dept's; a P.S. & a typist. I might also take on my Jockeying P.P.S. He liked this. R.F. mentioned his life. He said I was next week. I said I would be glad not to have to be always answering P.Q.'s & finding tricks to escape Parliament, but I could I thought, usefully intervene occasionally. He said, yes, especially in support of Junior Ministers. There were no non-Dept. Ministers available for this in the House now except H.M. (I doubt that he forgets that I can carry to back benches better than most.)

He spoke of Emili's health & Herbert's, 2 hrs. 2 hrs. 2 hrs. Clearly neither E nor H is set for a firm long run. I might have to succeed either at short notice.

I went on to see Stanley at 4 Adelphi House. Paul Lane. He is seeing Mr. Phillips tonight. He subscribes to the Labour Party through various channels, for the TV anti-Communist club, for Maurice Wolff-fund etc. He says he can't quarrel with voting Day 6 to London. He wants me to join the Treaty of G.U.S. They would pay me a large fee (- he suggests £6,000 a year to begin with) and expect very little of my time, maybe two or three meetings a month. If I went back into the Govt - & he is sure I shall in about 4 months in succession to C.H. now would like to leave the P.P. & become Lord President of the Council - ~~but~~ I should, because he has known, but I should, even better if I left office again.

Diary.

Dalton I 36 (21)

(3)

15/4/48 (cont'd)

He presses me to lunch with ~~the~~ Isaac Wood/son Emerson. I am engaged; so he presses that I should learn to see him at 2 o'clock. I agree. It is all most amusingly timed! He talks a lot about Dalton, making a British shop - window in New York, raising a large credit in N.Y., etc. He suggests that I might like to make foreign trips by impersonation on behalf of his firm. I find it difficult to evaluate this little man, but it is clearly an ~~important~~ approach not to be too readily repelled.

16/4/48

Write Stanley to see Wood/son at Jay's in Regent Street, where his head office is. W tells me the story of his present - G.V.S. - absorbing Jay's & Dray's & Lanning's job - with manufacturing as well as ~~contract~~ hire-purchase trading, with an army of visiting agents. They are manufacturing furniture at West Thirton, in the old M. Saffery Building, where I had put Rose, next door to De La Rue. Had they ever Polikoff in the Rhonda. And W. I know Sir P. W. K. with whom they dealt at the U.S.A.T? No definite proposal is made to me, but a hint is made. W would so like me to dine with him; he is in the market next week. S is clearly to discuss details of tentative - S says that he is alone, (from two previous occasions)

Diary.

16/4/68 (Contd)
 that he is paying ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ Hotel Bill at Knifpton, unknown to his
 father, and is "managing" to put him on one of his boats. (It will
 be a test of his influence when he does). He says he hears
 that A.G. "Lamb" ~~was~~ ^{is} planning to pay the "rent" of
 his plot at Dolphin Court. He has had a very severe
 illness. The way, he thinks, very badly treated by Chk.

He talks on long he was well (I saw often, but not
 & Shirewell, as well as George Gibson & a number of other
 public characters. It is all very odd, if true.

I think Chk & Lt will have agreed that it would be
 safer to take me back inside. Otherwise my popularity
 in the country may keep on growing. (I may say some
 awkward things. ~~And this~~)

Diary.

Dalton I 36 (23)

6/5/46 - 12/5/48.

In Fitzroy House Nursing Home, on Warwick's & Jeanne Hoskin's advice, for treatment to get rid of my Dog's Heart - irregular beat which ^{set in} ~~has been~~ - the case I haven't been conscious of it, unless death remains in a fit it - probably in that bad year 1947, or early 1946. The place is quite comfortable, & I have a room at 16 p.m. a week, including board & nursing, looking out on tall plane trees in Fitzroy Square. The treatment consists ^{simply} of lying in bed and being dosed with Quinidine. I read, apparently, quickly and after 4 days J.H., who calls with his cardiographic instrument, says I am regular again. I have slept a lot & reread - with a sense of familiarity was I mistaken for having read it in the Telegraph serial, but I had really read the book before - Sherwood.

I noted "Churchill was absolutely right in regarding American & Russian pressure for cross-channel attacks in 1942 and 1943, and, with Roosevelt, in backing Torch. But, as the danger of defeat faded, and as he got a foothold in Europe, his temper and his judgment began to weaken. He was abnormally tenacious in backing King in Belgium, Greece & Italy. Hopkins is a most attractive creature - loyal and lively and full of courage, devotion & resource." ^{and note p 621 Churchill at dinner in Kremlin after his walk in the woods, of whom Archie told me.}

I came out of the N.H. feeling very limp, after 5 1/2 days in bed, but Warwick says that I can walk in 2-3 days at Writsman. If this hadn't been treated, I should have gone on backpinning, & had an enlarged heart later.

DIARY
13/5/48.

Dalton I 36 (24)

Quick fascinating.
Loy's letter volume only
from 1911.

I am off tomorrow to Scarborough for Annual Conference.
P.M. write on 6th to say that the change in the Govt.
which he had mentioned to me, could not now come
before Hamilton as he had hoped, but would come within
the first fortnight after our return. (W.H. says this
is because Nathan is pressing for continuation or leaving
M.C.A. to show he is not being dismissed! This means
frustrating Honours. C.A. is always slow in making
these changes.)

I don't at all mind waiting another few weeks.
I am still dangerously popular. (I think I shall lead
the poll at the Conference.) Lately I have been
speaking, in Annual Recs. of the next election
programme, & inviting everyone to discuss. H.M.
doesn't much like this & said to me "You're always
discussing just before an Annual Conf." I said "Read
my article in today's D.H. You & Willy Winkley are the
only two people I meant." There is ~~no~~
a not I'm sure

"Consolidation" going the rounds of the next Party. Winkley
said it. So did H.M. Even R is a bit disinclined to do
any more Socialism! Of course, he must have a Govt.
but we must also have a programme. R says if
you're back in the Govt. you must have time to talk about the programme
maybe some other time but too. Meanwhile I am more attracted to
Tory. Reading Beal's book is a delight.

Diary.

Scabourge Conference. (Cuttings etc in a separate envelope) & "Penny Way."

Travel notes on Friday 14/5/48

conference open on Monday 17/5 & lasts till Fri 21/5.

A very good, solid conference. The Party is getting more & more united, said Sam Bevan, obviously impressed. There is a sense of closing the ranks in view of the coming election. Cop a sense of economic difficulties still to be surmounted. The platform was easily defeated on a few minor issues.

He expelled A. Edwards at the first Party evening. "re-examine contradictions". I passed for this. (moved to nomination: I read out his evening Standard article on making strikes illegal, making Trade Union funds liable for damages & taking away strikers' ration books. I said that this alone shows subtle & important part of his other misstatements, but all in TV. collection agreed.

Ed. was quieter than usual. I had a very easy passage. Palestine was taken separately. I had made a conciliatory statement; so was Unirad statement easier, on which I replied. I also had to answer on our Czechoslovak declaration, & on the Hague, were much more reference had been easily defeated. And on the afternoon of the day, our resolution had been discussed in the morning, I replied on Budget, Taxation, etc.

I had a good vote for the NEC, mainly second to Nye (as last year), but best of all with numerous votes. Stanzell pulled disapparently well. Mr. Frost beat Phil Baker for best play, but the latter had it very plainly. Herbert replaced Bradock in the women's section, women will be an improvement. Sam Watson is the next year's Vice-Chairman, & Chairman of Election Year. He was leader in solidarity with Baker & Oplonka. Phil latter was also best man, but Watson won hands down.

The Sun shone all last week. I had diarrhoea of the first 2 days, but this cleared with the aid of a consultation from the chemist, & caution in food & drink. I had Roy & Jennifer Jenkins & Tony looked at my table. It was a very enjoyable conference, & I was conscious of being very widely popular.

Pennine Way.

From Scabourge on Fri 21/5/48 I went by car, driven by Fred Kendall, to Middleton. i. Teardale, with Blenkinsop. (Sun. 5 M.P.'s) spoke here to a General meeting, we 3, with Chetwood & Barbara Castle. I talked afterwards with local comrades. We slept at Heaton Hall & next morning, taking with us Tom Stephenson & Ted Castle, & picking up De Freitas & Fred Willey, we drove to Langton Beck Youth Hostel, where we talked to W.M.P.C. with a number who started, with many representatives to cinema & speaker, via Cauldron Street. (The car with Nick (leaving at Kirkdale) to Dufton on Sunday we climbed Gars Fell, under snow, across Kambles for Dalby on the summit, fired a Red Flag (my Land Rover) for the top of the Cairn.

Diary.

Dalton I 36.

(26)

2

Pennine Way.

That night we slept at Garsifill, & had a most successful public meeting in the bar. Next day we drove to Housesteads on the Roman wall. Very impressive. The Romans were here 250 years longer than we in India. We walked along the wall, visited Vindolana - also an impressive excavation - & after a wonderful lunch at Three Breeds, caught the train to Newcastle at Benton Mill. From the wall we looked north to the Kielder Forest. Probably there was forest here, sheltering the Picts, in the Roman occupation.

We had walked 45 miles in 3 days - a good tramp & we were all very fit, though a bit stiff at the end. We dined with the Press at the Grange Hotel, & the next took sleepers to London, with 1st class at Dalhousie & slept with the Kendalls.

Fine publicity & fine exercise!

25/5/46

Home in the afternoon, in time for tea

I had done some good jogging down hill, with Mrs. to Kielder.

With Mrs. G.C. & Fred, from Mother Hill, to Dalhousie. Saw feet wet with blisters at the end of the first day; the rest were unscathed.

Diary.

Dalton I 36 (27) U

26/5/48. Wed.

Antoinette rings up just before lunch & says that "the Governor General would like to see you at 3 o'clock" or so on 10.

I lunch at the Home and Labour Club; an all very cordial about the walk, which seems to have had even greater publicity in press & B.S.C. than I had realized. One Tories in the smoke room looked scornful & distant. Just lately there has been a steadily rising howl against me in the Tory press. All my recent speeches have been strongly objected to! And there are constant references to me in Tory speeches in the House on both likely & unlikely occasions. We must of course, expect a rising tide of political passion from now on till the next election, and I am regarded as a specially dangerous man, as well as a traitor to my class! Meanwhile the ² ~~Editor~~ ^{Editor} Chronicle has been publishing a little article of mine, repeated by the Editor, on "The Editor's Politics" - beautifully non-controversial.

At 3 I see C.K. & we spend an hour together. He is not quite so warm as last time, & this, I sense, is partly due to someone having told him that I had been criticizing Stafford. He says that with me back in the Gov. this must make things "difficult." I say that it is completely untrue. As he will recall, when I was in the Gov. S.C. and I were steadily in agreement, often against others. He says he remembers this. I say that nothing has changed in my attitude since then, though I doubt, of course, know the latest details of the "japs," etc. One enemy press, of course, have been persistently trying to make trouble between S.C. & me, but ~~the~~ any statement that I have been criticizing S.C. is quite untrue. Where does it come from? He says it has been reaching him through Parliamentary and Party Channels. I say it is a bloody lie, & I should like to know how told him. But he won't be drawn further. (And it is a bloody lie. S.C. is worth most of the rest of them put together. I am inclined, on a number, to suspect H.M. & E.H., neither of whom, perhaps, are keen to see me back in the Inner Circle.)

I revert to this again at the end. I say that if people told him I had been criticizing Stafford, that would be true. C.K. says he did well at Scarborough, & the Generals like him at the 21. I say that he is present to the first, but say that what angers me is the way he drops bricks all over the shop over people's backs. That there may be less of this now he is no longer Chairman of the N.E.C.

I then praise Jim Griffiths & Sam Watson. At B.S.C., I received C.K. that I was quite willing that he should take my place at Scarborough if he profits there and, when it was decided otherwise, I asked S.C. to give me some notes of what he would have said, he did so & I used some & was careful in the rest of my speech to say nothing to cut across his line. (I am indeed, the catch-cropper among Ministers.)

Diary.
11/7/48.

Dalton I 36 (30)

At L.L., after 3 week ends of speech making - Yorkshire Miners at Doncaster, Ransley Rally, between roads 1300, at Carr Dale in the Peat District & a run round Mansfield, Lincoln & Westfield. (Following visit to (Don't) Paul's Friends)
During this last week I have had a boil in the ear, my first since I left the Treasury but my resistance is much better now.

Having been back in the Cabinet with committees for just over a month. I find my colleagues - as I may have noted before - in surprisingly good mental & physical condition - E.B. most of all. But the Chairmanship is venally slow. Don't let it

C.A. - worse in Cab than in full Cab - 2 H.M. Sitting for ^{the} ^{many} hours in Cab is still the great error of this Govt.

But I am impressed, once more with the progress showing a break, with the efficiency of the Staff. Civil Service, making a sense of mutual wavering differences, & preparing admirable papers making it as easy as possible for Ministers to choose between clear alternatives.

Apart from one visit to the Daily Office, & one visit to some Daily studies in Yorkshire & Staffs, & one meeting with the Lord Lieutenant 2 days ago [Peel seems a sensible Chief, not difficult to work with, I should think. Separate minute on one meeting,] I haven't had much Daily work to do.

But I have played some part in the Civil Aviation Commission's head office, have tried to back up Silkkin about National Parks, have started an ripper into Forestry Housing, and ~~have~~ have made a little fuss with Phil about migration, and have half-passed out a claim to ~~lead~~ ^{take the lead in} some studies on Distribution & Public Nationalisation of I.T. Policy (see

A fortnight ago we had five difficult problems in Cab - Eire & India Trade agreements, S.K.V. agreement, Doct. studies, & Berlin. None has me through them all, except Berlin, though we only had 20 min for a year, & we still very far from closing the gap. I should share in collective responsibility of making hard to carry them - (not individual responsibility).

Diary

6/8/48.

Dalton I 36 (31)

R & I have been at W.L. for a week. A most peaceful August compared with last year, when our Dollar crisis spilt over into Parliamentary debates after August Bank Holiday, when I was keeping going on Benzodryl, & then a recall for deconvertibility after I had just got down here. Parliament got up according to plan, this year at the end of July.

Berlin, & the wider question of our relations with the Russians, hang large in the sky, & there is always the cloud in the background about the Balance of Payments. But it is very difficult to believe that the Russians are ready to risk war now, though, since none of them have any direct knowledge of other countries, a sheer ignorant blunder could be ruled out. (And what about 10 years hence, or less?)

I am "available" of labs, etc for the first 3 weeks of August & then going for a fortnight to the enlarged constituency.

I have read Winston's Jatunig Stone - a drama copy from U.S. for W.S.S. - I spent 3 solid days on it. It is a magnificent achievement. Moreover can you say that he was wrong.

For all events from 1933 onwards, look at his great book again before completing any memoirs.

Baldwin L.V. Chamberlain both come very badly!

Diary (2)

Dalton I 36

(32)

6/8/48

out of it.

At any time up to 1934, and perhaps later, he could have prevented Germany from rearming. If Germany had not rearmed, none of us need have feared anything.

After Munich, for over "four years" he lost heavily. Germany pushed ahead much faster than he & France. He had the tanks that overran France when he had still practically none. Didn't come out of the ^{factory} ^{shops} till 1940!

It is a new point to me that Eden's resignation was really due to W.C.'s refusal of an offer by Roosevelt to invite leading European to Washington. W.C. said, without consulting Eden, that he was trying to get on good terms with Mussolini, & was going to recognize King VE as Emperor of Abyssinia. Would Roosevelt wait till this had worked off? Eden didn't refer to this incident, except very allusively, when he resigned.

It was also new to me that W.C. had been struggling for months with the War Cabinet for agreement to mine the Norwegian corridor, along which Swedish iron ore flowed from Narvik to Germany. He only got agreement when it was too late, the day before Hitler invaded Norway.

I had been pressing for this, in the House & outside. This must have pleased him, & explains the reason of his visit since to me to the M.E.W. The only reference to me

is p 666, one of those "whose services in High Office have immediately expired." There is a fine finish. "Facts are better than dreams."

Diary

Dalton I 36 (83)

22/8/48.

I leave W.L. tomorrow for Wintwell (Duchy State) and then a fortnight in the enclosed constituency. I don't know how this will feel. It may seem rather a formidable electioneering task.

It has rained much too much for the harvest. What was to have been a bumper is likely to be well below average. I fear. But I have had a lot of fun in the garden, and our fruit has been admirable, especially the morello cherry which has beaten all records, but apples, raspberries & currants have been good too.

R. will have had 5 weeks clear down here, when she comes back to London on Sept 4th. This is the way she likes W.L. best & she's not out of it. Then she goes for 3 weeks to France.

We are having the inside of W.L. done up next month. This will make a tremendous difference. It hasn't really been done since it was built 17 years ago. Next summer we plan to have the outside done again. This little house stands ~~there~~ ^{has been} wonderfully well. It - being indeed a good investment!

11 - day indeed - came to see on Sat. He was in very good form & it was a SCOTLAND party. I attended a small cabinet. The first impression doesn't fade. It is very attractive & intelligent. This aspect to win the next election. (It's thought to some, a week before, or they wouldn't attack the Bombs so much!) J.F. heard Hudson (say that 5 years hence would be the time to begin fighting. Now it's "Lupercal" 10th added. Forth, the two English & A. Butler - very doubtful popularity on the part of the Cabinet - but sent in their resignation from the steel board, a group the introduction of the Bill in October. J.F. will have the rest of my supply to me, while Skness & Jones are doing steel - only Sir G. Tupper & Mike W.T. of the officials are in power.

Last Tuesday, the 17th, I took John Freeman loved being taking. P.M. 1/3 weeks! I took John Freeman out to dinner. It is very attractive & intelligent. This first impression doesn't fade. It is very attractive & intelligent. This aspect to win the next election. (It's thought to some, a week before, or they wouldn't attack the Bombs so much!) J.F. heard Hudson (say that 5 years hence would be the time to begin fighting. Now it's "Lupercal" 10th added. Forth, the two English & A. Butler - very doubtful popularity on the part of the Cabinet - but sent in their resignation from the steel board, a group the introduction of the Bill in October. J.F. will have the rest of my supply to me, while Skness & Jones are doing steel - only Sir G. Tupper & Mike W.T. of the officials are in power. I am trying to get more a job in France. J.F. says I must see A.P.'s fight with the B.M.A. as the way their hearts & backs to him with American staff positions.

assist The Polytechnic in its staffing arrangements. In reply to a question by Mr. Quintin Hogg, the Director of Education stated that copies of the correspondence had been sent to the Ministry of Education. In the circumstances the Governors felt reluctantly compelled to terminate the course of instruction in Kinematography.

The Director of Education reported that very good exhibitions of students' work had been held in the preceding week in the Schools of Architecture, Art, and Photography. A number of the Governors had visited the exhibitions. The Director of Education also reported that (a) N. W. B. Stone, a part-time student, has been awarded the M.Sc., Degree of the University of London for research work on Rheology carried out at The Polytechnic, (b) Mr. Michael R. Ferguson was recommended for the award of the Carpenters' Company Scholarship to be held as a Travelling Scholarship in Switzerland or Italy, (c) 280 students from European and other countries are attending the vacation course of one month's duration in English for Foreign Students.

The Women's Council submitted revised rules governing the award of the Elsie Hoare Trophy awarded yearly for the best athletic performances by an individual or team belonging to the Women's Institute. These revised rules received the approval of the Governors.

Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Brewer asked as to the prospects of a bowling green being laid at Chiswick and this matter was referred to the Chiswick Sub-Committee.

The Clerk submitted a statement with regard to the finances of the Kynaston Studd Memorial Fund. Including investments the amount credited to this Fund was £30,050. In addition there was outstanding on Deeds of Covenant £7,176, making a total of £37,226. Since the date of the last Governing Body meeting donations had been received to the extent of £109. It was proposed to hold a Sale of Work in the Fyvie Hall on November 26th and 27th and a Ladies' Committee had been formed under the chairmanship of Viscountess Hailsham. It was further proposed to engage a stall at the

Diary.

Dalton I 36 (34)

11/9/48

See S.C. at my car repair. I had had no tête-à-tête with him since my return to the fort more than 3 months ago, an interval since my resignation nearly 10 months ago. I am not sure how far, if at all, he may have been influenced by the press that perpetually distinguishes my policy from his, and suggesting that I am hostile to him personally, & working against him. I recall ^{remember} C.K.'s mention to me of talks to the latter effect, when I was on the point of returning to the fort.

My own conversation today was friendly, but I felt not exceptionally cordial. I said I thought he was doing a very fine job. He said he was doing his best, and that the latest figures were very good, except that coal output might be better. He complained bitterly of Harriman, who muddled all his channels to Witcomb & U.S. Press. When S.C. saw the U.S. correspondence in London, they took & passed on the story of what he was doing - and it was a fine story - but their papers would not print it. They took their time for Harriman. The latter was pipped because he had to deal with that party, instead of a Cab Minister. S.C. had said that, whenever Harriman had to see me, he could always come to Paris, or see it in London. It was only on a Sunday plane - but this would not do. It was vain, I said, to expect things apart from when he saw the Press in Paris or France. He had been a very bad influence on him, very anti-British, & perhaps because too.

he spoke of the book. Cobbe was going next Spring. He didn't think there was any alternative to Cobbe, whose appointment would be well received in the book & the City. He had tried to get Henry Williams, but the latter was now absorbed in Leonard's & had refused. I raised doubts about Cobbe, said that his technical advice had of the tea being, but he was ready to go, & that we should be landed with him for 10 years. S.C. said he wouldn't want to go on for more than 5 years, & that he would tell him 5 years was enough. He was well, & would like to retire and live in the country. I mentioned Piers, & S.C. said he had considered him, & many other possibilities, but carefully, but didn't think he could hold it. He was going to let me of Niemege & Cadbury near Jan. He spoke bitterly of the latter, as a bad influence. He had refused Miss Hancock to replace Duke. Piers had given him a fit, but might be considering it. He wanted a carpenter, but couldn't find one. Piers was ten years old. I said Edward would be all right. He said he would like to see the industrial Dept. (I take up with him, not a Lord.)

Board of Governors
 Second Annual Meeting
 Joint Informational Bulletin No.3
 Fund No.4
 Bank No.4

FUND STAFF - LONDON CONFERENCE

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
<u>Managing Director</u>	Camille Gutt
Assistant to Managing Director	Robert Rolin
Administrative Assistant to Managing Director (Joint Con- ference Officer)	Oscar L. Altman
<u>Research Department</u>	
Director of Research	E. M. Bernstein
Research Department	Raymond Bertrand
Research Department	H.M.H.A. Van der Valk
Research Department	Jorge Del Canto
Research Department	Miss R. Zafiriou
Research Department	Miss A. Bourneuf
<u>Legal Department</u>	
General Counsel	A. Van Campenhout
Counselor	Richard Brenner
Counselor	Joseph Gold
<u>Comptroller</u>	Charles M. Powell
<u>Operations Department</u>	
Assistant Director of Operations	Andre Pailhas
Operations Department	R. W. Groeneman
Operations Department	Esteban Carbo
<u>Secretary's Office</u>	
Secretary	Frank Coe
Assistant Secretary	Roman L. Horne
Assistant Secretary	Robert Frost
Committee Secretary	Florence H. Wagner
Committee Secretary	Phillip Thorson
Liaison Officer	Gordon Williams

BANK STAFF - LONDON CONFERENCE

<u>President</u>	John J. McCloy
Assistant to Vice President	Richard H. Demuth
<u>Legal Department</u>	
General Counsel	Chester A. McLain

Diary

11/9/48 (cont'd)

I asked him what had happened to S.C. He said he didn't know. He was said to be anti-atomic while S.C. had recommended him to Peacock, but when his resignation had come, that had made it impossible.

It breached P.M.'s health. He said he thought it wasn't at all good. Anyhow it would be a disaster if he led us in the next election. He still thought S.C. should be P.M., but still said no. He didn't like to push P.M., & said they didn't like him.

S.C. said they couldn't lead either to Cab or to P.M. or to the country. So there we left it! "He shall just have to leave it. To take the said, but some dark back decision will have to be made."

S.C. said he didn't know how he would go from the American about nationalities in U.S. I said I thought he should stream

the monopoly point. The choice was written on his coming visit.

between private & public monopoly. He kept that many of the arrangements in the Cab were unsatisfactory. I said I was underwhelmed, but was spending a good deal of time on the party class & the next programme. He asked that he should "take the lead" in U.S. Empire movement. Winston would be willing to withdraw if that came forward. I said that was not easy, with Mackay & Co making the situation so busy.

Dalton

I 36

35a

Joint Informational Bulletin No. 3
Fund No. 4
Bank No. 4

COUNTRY.	NAME.	POSITION.
United States	Mr. John Snyder and wife	Governor (Fund-Bank)
	Mr. William Clayton and wife	Alternate Governor (Fund-Bank)
	Mr. George Luthringer	Alternate Director (Fund)
	Mr. Andrew Overby	Ex. Director (Fund)
	Mr. Eugene Black	Ex. Director (Bank)
	Mr. Joseph Friedman	Adviser.
	Miss Elizabeth Hanna	Secretary
	Mr. J. Durke Knapp and wife	Adviser
	Mr. W. McChesney Martin and wife	Adviser
	Mr. J. J. Caffrey and wife	Adviser
	Miss Betty Pence	Secretary
	Mr. Lowell Pumphrey	Adviser
	Mr. W. Sauer	Adviser
	Mr. J. Saxon	Adviser
	Mr. A. Sproul	Adviser
	Miss Ruth Bigelow	Secretary
	Mr. John Parke Young	Adviser
	Miss Helen Taniser	Secretary
	Uruguay	Mr. F. S. Zorzi
Mr. Carlos Quijono		Governor (Bank)
Mr. M. la Gamma Acevedo		Governor (Fund)
Mr. Nilo Berchesi		Alternate Governor (Bank)
Mr. Hugo Garcia		Adviser
Venezuela	Mr. Carlos d'Ascoli	Governor (Bank-Fund)
	Mr. Hector Santaella and wife	Alternate Governor (Bank)
	Mr. Jose Mayobre and wife	Alternate Governor (Fund)
Yugoslavia	Mr. Stane Krasovec	Governor (Fund-Bank)
	Mr. Lavoslav Dolinsek	Adviser
	Mr. Radomir Arandjelovic	Adviser
	Mr. Obren Blagojevic	Adviser

Diary
15/9/48

He had nearly passed out or more. "That's the way today" The detective had said afterwards "I thought you were one of a little bit more today" & he had had a heart attack or worse. Embury was there.

Make my first speech at the Box since last November. & my first since returning to the job. Rather a boring occasion, - winding up the general debate on the first stage of the King's speech discussion - with no vote & nothing much to answer. except departmental points I could take.

R left yesterday morning for France, & I am alone in the flat, and spending most of my time, for the moment, in the DT/C.

E.B. at lunch today was adamant about C.K.A. "It's mind's game." "It's not a game," it's strategy." E.B.'s doctor had said to him some months ago "He's got a first doctor. I've been watching him tonight. His nerves aren't right." The King had said to E.B. yesterday, of C.K.A., "He sits opposite me, but I can't let him talk." This was bad, because it would include in court, and with no limit, however, about succession.

Tony, Willes. He spoke of each other's period of stress. I said I had been feeling it just over 12 months ago. He said "Yes, & did it all know it?" I said that I had shed responsibility & on occasion, I could sleep and shit without pills, which I had had to take before, & had learned to take boots.

He said it was the same with being over he could let me off a few days. It was wicked the way he was brought back from his holiday on the South Coast after only 4 days in July. He had had a real holiday this year. He has woke up last night every 3 hours by telephone from home. I had to send him replies, because the American was up there. His trouble was to stop the Americans doing something that would land us in war. Meanwhile Queen King were happening in Russia. Stalin was ill again & was at Sochi on the Black Sea. He believed that Molotov had bumped off Zhdanov. The feeling against the Russian was growing in Germany & the 25 year sentences on the 5 German in Berlin yesterday would strike this up.

I told him that I had heard last night - I don't say for Crossman - that junior at US Embassy were complaining of Hall Patrick. He said that in St. Petersburg. In Moscow it used to meet Churchill, & Beavon, & Lytton & I had myself all night with them. He mentioned that being made an equal fuss of now. E.B. was going to speak to the minister about his next week, & try to get his

DALTON J 36

Board of Governors
Second Annual Meeting
Joint Informational Bulletin No.3
Fund No.4
Bank No.4

Bank Staff - London Conference, contd.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
<u>Public Relations</u> Director	Drew Dudley
<u>Marketing Department</u> Director	E. Fleetwood Dunstan
<u>Administration Department</u> Director(Joint Conference Officer)	Chauncey G. Parker
<u>Secretary's Department</u> Secretary	M. M. Mendels
Assistant to the Secretary	Lyell Doucet
Committee Secretary	E. M. Walton
Committee Secretary	Davidson Sommers
Committee Secretary	A. Broches
Committee Secretary	E. E. Clark
<u>Joint Secretaries</u>	Frank Coe (Fund) M.M.Mendels (Bank)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

<u>Joint Conference Officers</u>	Oscar L. Altman (Fund) Chauncey G. Parker (Bank)
<u>Assistant to Conference Officers</u>	J. Saper
<u>Administrative Officer</u>	Walter H. Windsor
Buildings Management Officer	William M. Avery
Communications Officer	F. M. Sharkey
Housing Officer	J. E. Lundquist
Messenger Service	Sgt.Maj. Stokes
Presentation Officer	R. L. Praetorius
Procurement Officer	E. J. Donovan
Registration & Information Officer	L. M. Gouriou
Travel & Transportation Officer	J. L. Cook
<u>Documents Officer</u>	H. E. Edmunds
Archives	Mrs. M. O. Pollock Miss M. Stark

367

36 I 201120

Diary.

16/9/48.

Dalton I 36 (37)

Memorial service for Evan in St Margaret's. He was a Christian, though knowing I was not he never spoke to me of his beliefs. ~~But~~ And so for him, this would not have seemed a muckey.

I walked over from the house with Stmord Wilson, who understands much. Vi Atlee, in deep black, accompanied by John Dugdale, sat on one side of us in the front pew, & Hazel & Dora on the other. I ~~was~~ wept a great deal, until the person

came in with the choirmen, & began to speak in an uninteresting voice. This broke the spell for a time. The service, as ^{with the kind} usually ^{is} quite impersonal. But Tawney gave a beautiful and just and warm appreciation.

Margorie sat on the other side of the gangway, with another woman. She looked very small and frail, but wonderfully composed, with a far away look, as though a little bird, ethereal almost.

Evan is the first casualty among the Young Victors of 1945. I shall miss him. He had a great gift for friendship, and he was a political scientist in the real sense. He loved West leave and he had many good walks together. He was outstanding in his intellectual and moral qualities among the socialists of his generation. He had perfect intellectual integrity.

Dalton I 36 (88)

Board of Governors
Second Annual Meeting
Joint Informational Bulletin No. 3
Fund No. 4
Bank No. 4

COUNTRY	NAME	POSITION.
Netherlands	Hon. P. Lieftinck	Governor (Fund-Bank)
	Hon. J. W. Beyen	Ex. Director (Bank)
	Mr. M.W. Holtrop	Alternate Governor (Fund-Bank)
	Mr. G. W. J. Bruins	Ex. Director (Fund)
	Mr. William Koster	Alternate Director (Fund-Bank)
	Mr. Louis L.R.W. Soutendyk	Adviser
	Mr. H. Riemens	Adviser
Nicaragua	Miss Burgerhout	Secretary
	Mr. R.A. Huezco and daughter	Alternate Governor
Norway	Mr. J. J. Sanchez	
	Mr. Ole Colbjørnsen	Alternate Governor (Fund-Bank)
	Mr. Alf. Eriksen	Adviser
	Mr. Gunnar Jahn	Governor (Fund-Bank)
Panama	Mrs. E. Poppe	Delegation Staff
	Mr. Joaquin Vallarino, wife and daughter	Alternate Governor (Fund-Bank)
	Mr. Roberto Huertematte and wife	Alternate Governor (Fund-Bank)
Paraguay	Mr. Juna Plate	Governor (Bank-Fund)
	Mr. Ruben Benitez	Alternate Governor (bank-Fund)
Peru	Mr. C. Montero-Bernales	Governor (Bank)
	Mr. Tudela-Varela and son Felipe	Governor (Fund)
	Mr. Jose Alvarez Calderon	Alternate Governor (Bank)
	Mr. Emilio Barreto	Alternate Governor (Fund)

Dalton I 36 (39)

ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER

IN MEMORIAM



EVAN FRANK MOTTRAM DURBIN

1st March, 1906—3rd September, 1948

THURSDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1948
at 2 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE SENTENCES

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

PSALM CXXI

Levavi oculos

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand ;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS XIII, 1-13

HYMN

Thy kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ, begin ;
Break with Thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is Thy reign of peace,
And purity, and love ?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above ?

When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime
Shall flee Thy Face before ?

We pray Thee, Lord, arise,
And come in Thy great might ;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for Thy sight.

O'er heathen lands afar
Thick darkness broodeth yet
Arise, O morning Star,
Arise, and never set.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write,
From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord :
even so, saith the Spirit ; for they rest from their labours, and
their works do follow them.

LET US PRAY

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Father of all, we pray to Thee for those whom we love,
but see no longer. Grant them Thy peace ; let light perpetual
shine upon them ; and in Thy loving wisdom and almighty
power work in them the good purpose of Thy perfect will ;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the Father of all mankind, we beseech Thee to
inspire us with such love, truth and equity, that in all our
dealings one with another we may show forth our brotherhood
in Thee : for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort : Deal graciously, we pray Thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on Thee, they may know the consolation of Thy love ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A READING

Then, said he, I am going to my Father's ; and though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who now will be my rewarder. When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the river-side, into which as he went he said, " Death, where is thy sting ? " And as he went down deeper, he said, " Grave, where is thy victory ? " So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

HYMN

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green ?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen ?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills ?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills ?

Bring me my bow of burning gold !
Bring me my arrows of desire !
Bring me my spear ! O clouds unfold !
Bring me my chariot of fire !
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

THE BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS

Diary

Dalton I 36

(41)

Friday 24/9/48 evening till Thursday 28/9/48 morning at Bunscoot Park.

Very good informal conference.

Crossman, Edelman, Crossland, Tom Cook, Jack Bailey (Lough Park), K. Martin, Adlam, George Brown (first day; he drove me down and was stopped by a rather funny policeman for speeding in second time in one day!) Callaghan, N. Davenport, Sir Rando

(one day) ^{M. Young} secretaries. I had Hachtal's Balogh. He would have spoiled it all. I presided.

We discussed (1) restatement of Socialist doctrine, (2) administration of Socialist sector, (3) extension of S.S. (4) Budget (5) central economic planning, (6) incentives - all with reference to second five year. Very good level, & very good mixture.

For me Jack Bailey was chief discovery. Very sensible, but idealistic, & an excellent mixer. For others Tony was chief discovery, & J.B. & Tom Cook, in particular, were delighted with his "intellectual honesty" & "courage", as well as with his ability & personal gifts.

Nickolas pleased with his inner light on the City. We were over to Hunter after dinner on ~~Saturday~~ Sunday, & had a number of drinks. Some of us walked vigorously on Saturday & Sunday afternoon. I defended Fabianism, - based on view that capitalism is inefficient & unjust, an agent of

Christian Socialism & Marxism, & vigorously replied in the light of 1931, & attacks. I said with J.M. on Lansbury were fit to Lord Hail in present form. This pleased Tony (see attached letter.) Crossman has immense ability to argue any case. I think he should bring him into Govt on Home Front.

30/9/48.

Dine with Sado at Ritz. He didn't look very well, but said his health was much better. He had received solely in health & political friction. proving else, though I referred to their numerous. He was 66, well past retiring age. Hachtal had asked "to be protected" from receiving four Sado copies of my speeches, & Griffiths. He had not been called "swine" by Sir & the Lord. Sado said he was receiving a magnificent pension. He still wants a peerage, but I suggest he should like to be a Cabinet Minister. He still wants a peerage, but I suggest he should like to be a Cabinet Minister. He still wants a peerage, but I suggest he should like to be a Cabinet Minister.

QUEEN MARY COLLEGE
(University of London)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Academic Board held in the Board Room on Thursday, 10th June, 1948, at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT

The Principal
(Chairman)
Dr. J.P. Andrews
Dr. H.M. Chew
Professor F. Clarke
Dr. P.R. Crowe
Professor J. Dechamps
Miss A.P. Deeley
Professor E. Giffen
Mr. S.L. Green
Professor A.J. Grove
Mr. A.T. Hatto
Dr. F.M. Haines
Dr. W.J. Hickinbottom
Dr. E.J. Irons
Professor W.J. John
Dr. D.C. Jones
Mr. J.W.H. King
Dr. J.F. Kirkaldy
Dr. W.A. Laidlaw
Professor J.R. Partington
Dr. N.A.V. Piercy
Professor H.R. Robinson
Mr. L.A. Rozelaar
Dr. S.G. Soal
Mr. C.R. Stoner

- A. The congratulations of the Board were accorded to Dr. S.G. Soal on his award of the Perrot Studentship.
- B. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Board held on the 23rd February, 1948 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from Minute A (i) thereof it was RESOLVED that the question of terminal examinations be referred again to the Faculties of Arts and Science after the matter had been discussed by the Deans of those Faculties.

Arising from Minute A (iii) thereof notice was received that the Governing Body had resolved that consideration of the report by the Faculty of Engineering be deferred for discussion at the same time as the Report of the University Inspection of the Faculty of Engineering.

Arising from Minute I thereof a report of the Sub-Committee on Extra-Curricula Lectures was received.

It was RESOLVED that :-

- (a) Professor Sutherland and Dr. Laidlaw should arrange for two lectures to be given on either English or Classical subjects during the first term of the session 1948-49,
- (b) Professors Partington and Robinson should arrange for three lectures on aspects of Scientific Methods of Procedure to be given during the same term.
- C. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Academic Board held on the 16th March, 1948 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- D. It was resolved to RECOMMEND that the Hatton Scholarship be awarded to Mr. R.L.G. Hartwell, Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering.
- E. It was resolved to RECOMMEND that the Sir John Johnson Scholarship be awarded to Mr. E. Fisher, Department of French.

Dickey.
15/10/45.

Dalton I 36 (42)

Had an hour at K.O. with S.H. at his invitation. He thinks we may reach a balance with Russia, which will last a long time. We shall reach some agreement, but we shall live together. He is trying to organize the middle of the planet - W. Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, the Commonwealth. He has told Liaquat that Pakistan ought to take the lead in organizing the Arab states.

If we only pushed on & developed Africa, we could have U.S. dependent on us, & eating out of our hand, in one or five years. Two great mountains of manganese ore in Sierra Leone, etc. U.S. is very barren of mineral resources, & in Africa we have them all.

He told Marshall that W. Europe must have military leadership, especially France, & it must be done early. Marshall has agreed to find equipment within a few months for 30 French divisions, and the Republicans assent to this.

With Henderson told me, at about the same time, that in 1929 when A.H. saw J.R.M. ~~after him~~ and his letter said "now you will want an Under Secy", A.H. said "I've appointed H.D." J.R.M. said, rather indignantly, "you've appointed him?" but A.H. said "Yes". So that settled that!
A.H. told him that I had resigned this, partly because of T.P.N.

Diary.

14/11/48. (Sunday)

Tonight at 9.15 on their to the Throne was from a boy. The bells rang, and a man going down the street outside our flat called "it's a boy", and the announcement was made on the air at 11 pm, followed by the National Anthem. Queen Mary is Great Grandmother. If this boy ever comes to the Throne - and if he were defeated, or really badly knocked about, in 20 or 25 years, he would be a very different country, Commonwealth, or Cabinets are full, these days, of deities on fire, determined to leave the Commonwealth, and India, whose leaders want to stay in, but on their own ~~most~~ most awkward terms, so that the "mythic link" of the Crown is being sadly strained, or broken.

Yesterday was the first anniversary of the Budget in view of my resignation. R & I, now have been having a very happy week-end with no company or outside enjoyments, spoke of this. She thinks that if it had been different, I should have gone on getting more exhausted & less efficient. I think the only good way out would have been for Vivian to insist that I should resign on grounds of health. - with the chance of coming back to the Govt later when I was better. Also, she says, my resignation made possible the coordination of the Treasury & the Planning Machine. But he agrees that this is only possible, effectively, because S.C. is so brilliantly on top of his form. I am sure this is not a ~~double~~ double burden. None of the Opposition could carry this double burden.

The Observer & Sunday Times today say that I am leading the British delegation to the discussions on W. European Union, & that the choice of a correspondence is put forward between C.H.A. & W.S.C. on the Party composition of the Delegation. The Tories are still very full of hate of me - & this from a paid opening. I have looked at my speech at the Party Conference last May on V.S.E., to which they often refer. It had a ~~good~~ strong finish about Socialism, but it had some good practical doctrinal content. The Tories frowned about my ~~speech~~ speech on the Amendment to the Address, but our own people liked it. Admittedly by a ~~majority~~ majority of 19,000 dissent. 3,000 for Allen - bad name!

DIARY 19/ 17/11/48

Dalton I 36

(44)

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

I went down to Eastbourne on Wednesday, November 17th, ^{1948,} to lunch and talk with E.B. about the forthcoming Western Union talks in Paris. He has been at the Grand Hotel for a week and is feeling much better. He hopes to have another week before returning. He was rung up twice from the Foreign Office while I was there and I am inclined to think they both ~~to~~ ^{to} him too much over details. He said "they are very nervous of doing anything by themselves!"

He thinks we might establish the Council of Europe for five years in the first instance. It should not interfere with O.E.E.C. until 1952, but he hopes that O.E.E.C. will be permanent and the question arises; to whom should it be responsible after 1952? Perhaps to the Council of Europe.

This Council might, therefore, include all the 16 members of O.E.E.C., but he thinks we should begin with 5 only - U.K., France and Benelux - and be prepared to add others from time to time. Italy and Western Germany might be brought in in this way.

Defence arrangements among European powers should be restricted, in the first instance, to the 5 Brussels Treaty Powers. If Italy, or Portugal, or Scandinavia, came into European defence, this should be arranged under the Atlantic Pact. It would not be good to have Italy in this too soon, for she would then absorb American arms and supplies which should, in the first instance, be given to France. E.B. hoped that the Americans would be able, within a few months, to supply France with arms for 30 divisions. This should do much to restore French morale, which was now dangerously low.

The Council of Europe should, E.B. thought, have no fixed or rigid constitution. We should proceed by trial and error. All decisions should be matters of agreement, not of voting.

/The

The U.K. must keep in step with the Commonwealth and it had been recently agreed that there should be two meetings a year of Commonwealth Ministers. He hoped that, later on, the Commonwealth and Western Europe might grow together. This would make a really ^{great} good Third Power in the world. But this could only come slowly. Meanwhile we in Western Europe must grow together. At the recent Commonwealth Conference it had been decided that Commonwealth Governments should be "kept in close touch" with all further developments of Western Union".

E.B. was against a meeting of Parliamentarians at this stage. General debates, followed by no action, and fruitless controversies about federal constitutions, would make the peoples lose heart. What we needed now was solidarity without a constitution. Decisions must be kept in the hands of governments and their representatives. But each government represented on the Council of Europe would report to their ~~own~~ Parliaments, and useful debates could then take place, and the Parliaments could call on the Council to do this or that.

The Council should deal with matters of common concern to Europe. What were these? Economic affairs, rationalised defence, etc.

There was a danger of a clash between a Parliamentary Assembly and governments. Some governments might refuse to accept the recommendations of the Assembly, and what remedy would the Assembly have then? The only result would be embitterment and frustration. But, since governments would be represented on the Council of Europe, there would be no such danger of a clash between the governments and the Council.

Herriot, E.G. said, though outwardly very friendly to us, had never quite lost his distrust of the English. He never forgot the loss of the Geneva Protocol in 1924, after it had been negotiated

by him and Henderson in the days of the first Labour Government. But Austin Chamberlain, the new Foreign Secretary after the 1924 Elections, came to see Herriot and said "I am afraid we've lost the Protocol. It was just bad luck. The British Cabinet has decided against it, but the Prime Minister (Baldwin) was not there. He was away burying his Mother-in-Law. But for that, we might have got it through".

E.B. says that Herriot told him a wonderful story, which he has forgotten, about the Mayor of Bolton and thinks that, if I refer to this, it will create a good atmosphere!

E.B. and I have been steadily in agreement on W.U. policy and I anticipate no difficulty in maintaining this agreement during the Paris talks. More doubtful is the question whether the French and Belgians can be persuaded to be sensible.

19th November, 1948

Local Embassy

Dalton I 36 (48)

25/11/45

Saw Huxford

Very cordial. Talks not too lengthy. Refers to his
 captivity. ~~to~~ very detailed & (calm). Has open mind
 on work. He must make 2/24. I fell out his
 very much. He is very vague. He tells the story of the
 Sub-Officer. I will present these notes to him at 4.45.
 Mayor of Salford

Saw Schuman

Very cordial. I must make more alert. He speaks, as I shall with
 Norris. Sports must keep this firmly in mind. For many
 mistakes of - leading to confusion & people getting wrong ideas
 Their delay have no instructions. Requests her ideas for
 own. But S does not think them very practical. S is
 quite Federal Ideas - at this stage. I said ^{already} ~~was~~ ~~so~~
 much importance to this that he would. He, as a Minister to
 lead it to that I could refer to him & to the Lab without
 intervening. I said ~~the~~ S & I must keep in touch. He
 agreed.

He said that Sports must show Parliamentarianism, if he had
 a Paul's Monthly. ^{do anything} ~~had~~ ~~referred~~ ~~to~~ ~~him~~ ~~that~~ ~~British~~ ~~Month~~
 could, on its own initiative. ^{11 very different France.} ~~I said~~ ~~Sports~~ ~~time~~
 He said they were very anxious to be in contact. ^{we had referred, would consider} ~~the~~ ~~part~~
 Abroad & dine. Very satirical & enjoys a good time. Don't
 want us to be Utopian, but Realist. But I'm not sure how
 clear he is on side of Paul's Monthly. He thinks that if we had
 the signature of Ministers, he must have a Paul's Monthly & that it is
 responsible.

Diary.

Dalton I 36

(49)

End of 1948. (11)

R and I have been at W.L. Over Christmas. Very soft weather
We live on Forestry Commission Venison, and admire the
redecorated interior of the house. Olga and Nicholas come
to lunch after Xmas. Otherwise no guests.

It has been a hellacious end to the year with the
Hertz Tribunal, a dressing on 20th, since for it first wanted me
my name might be brought in for nearly 3 months. Full
notes on all this in a separate record, including a Minute
to Mr M on Dec 22nd, just before leaving London. The
conduct of the justice visiting my constituency has been
outrageous, but this is described elsewhere.

Paris, for Closer Union, has been peaceful and placid, &
I have enjoyed it. But the France make me rather sad.

So unreal, and escapist, most of their arguments. And no
facing of the practical details. I have had a good
team, - Mr. Phelps, Knicker, Gladstone, (- KCMG at last

to own your Honour) Harry Gill & Wade - he lost the
weekend.

I spend most of my winter waking hours
down here reading Hopkins by Sherwood. A great
story! Until visiting him very near, but

Rowson & Churchill come out very well

hidest, & their relationship is perfect - largely
done to Hopkins. But at the end they

fell apart. Sherwood (p 122) says that he was knowing

when he said power corrupts, & absolute power corrupts

absolutely, it is not power one gets, but the struggle to let power, he

Let me say this to you.

The broader topic at U.S.S.R. ... Hopkins ... health was ...

Present :

MR. F. R. D'O. MONRO,
(Chairman),

MR. W. ARCHER THOMSON,

MR. JOSEPH GARDNER,

SIR ALBERT STERN,

SIR ERNEST POOLEY,

MR. F. C. MASON,

THE MASTER.

DRAPERS' COMPANY.

ESTATE COMMITTEE.

Friday, 10th October, 1947.

Mr. E. N. Clifton, the Company's Surveyor, attends.

"The City of London Plan."

42. A letter is read from the Secretary of the City and Central London Rebuilding Committee, inviting the Masters, Clerks and Surveyors to the Twelve Great Companies to attend a meeting of this Committee in the near future.

It appears that this Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Works to obtain a picture of rebuilding requirements as a whole in the City of London and the immediate adjoining area.

Resolved that the invitation be accepted.

The Hall (Corporate).

43. The Clerk reports that pursuant to Minute No. 3 of the Committee of the 18th September, 1947, the Master, the Surveyor and himself inspected the bedrooms and agreed that two of the rooms can be made habitable for use by the Master and the Clerk without the necessity of applying for a licence or of the use of external labour.

Resolved that the two rooms be made habitable as above.

No. 27, Throgmorton Street (Corporate).

44. The Clerk reports an offer by Henderson Administration, Limited, tenants of offices in No. 28, Austin Friars, to take a Lease of the back basement office for a term of seven years at a rent of £420 per annum, including Housekeeping and the use of two Strong Rooms, on the completion of the present repairs.

Resolved to recommend that a Lease be granted to Henderson Administration, Limited, on the above terms, plus the usual firing charges.

No. 27b, Throgmorton Street (Corporate).

45. The Clerk reports an application from Bewlay & Company, Limited, the proposed Assignees of the Lease, for permission to affix a plaque on the portland stone pier between the two shop windows and a sketch is submitted.

Resolved that the necessary permission be granted on condition that the plaque is affixed in such a way that the pier is not in any way defaced.

46. The Clerk reads a letter from Salmon & Gluckstein, Limited, the Lessees, asking for payment to them of the amount to be recovered for dilapidations from Alfred Dunhill, Limited, the previous Lessees, to pay for the cost of making good the damage caused by the removal of their fittings, and putting the premises generally into tenantable repair.

Resolved that Salmon & Gluckstein, Limited, be informed that as and when they put the premises into tenantable repair the Company will bear the cost thereof as agreed between the respective Surveyors.

49a 36 I Deller

Diary

Dalton I 36 (50)

End of 1948. (2)

At our last Cabinet before Xmas, E.B. got approval for the new Ruhr Authority and for a compromise, half-way to meet the Americans, on dismantling. But in the discussion, S.C. said we ought to make up our minds whether we regarded the Germans as still a danger, or as an ally in building W. Europe. E.B. said he was trying to steer a middle course. A.B. said he ought to build them up as much as he could. They were a better barrier against Communism than to France. I was very angry last morning myself, (in view of proceeding in my constituency reports to me the day before) and spoke sharply of the German danger; made him to Russian, & weakest in combination with Russia. We should aim, I said, at a strong Atlantic Pact, - with strong U.S. & Canadian contribution, a strong V.K., a strong France, a strong Benelux and a weak Germany. Tom Williams flared up at this, & said I reminded him of what Arthur Chamberlain used to say, "You'll find he was nearer to A.B. than to me, but still he would me up."

A bad presage for the future!

Tom Williams, I recall, not only voted against all arms, but wanted, on the ^(literal) eve of our entry into war in 1939, to issue a declaration to the world, in the name of the Parliamentary Executive, that we wouldn't go to war, unless France did!

He'd lost stick to his spuds!

No wonder, after all this, I get a boiler to celebrate the New Year

(on my left chest)

No. 2, London Wall Avenue (Corporate).

61. The Clerk reports that the Surveyor has settled with the Lessees' Surveyors the proposed division of the agreed Value Payment of £4,680, less unpaid instalments of War Damage Contribution £157 10s., viz. £4,522 10s. net, as between the Freeholders and Leaseholders for submission to the War Damage Commission as follows:—

Proprietary Interests.	Agreed share of Value Payment	Agreed share of unpaid War Damage Contributions.	Agreed share of Net Payment.	
	£	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
Freeholders	1,459	49 0 0	1,410	0 0
Leaseholders	3,221	108 10 0	3,112	10 0
	<u>£4,680</u>	<u>£157 10 0</u>	<u>£4,522</u>	<u>10 0</u>

Resolved to recommend that the shares of the Value Payment payable to the respective parties be agreed as above.

No. 3, Coleman Street (Corporate).

62. The Clerk reports that the Surveyor has settled with the Lessees the proposed division of the agreed Value Payment of £7,000, less unpaid instalments of War Damage Contribution £346 5s. viz. £6,653 15s. net, as between the Freeholders and Leaseholders for submission to the War Damage Commission as follows:—

Proprietary Interests.	Agreed share of Value Payment	Agreed share of unpaid War Damage Contributions.	Agreed share of Net Payment.	
	£	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
Freeholders	3,124	154 10 0	2,969	10 0
Leaseholders	3,876	191 15 0	3,684	5 0
	<u>£7,000</u>	<u>£346 5 0</u>	<u>£6,653</u>	<u>15 0</u>

Resolved to recommend that the shares of the Value Payment payable to the respective parties be agreed as above.

Nos. 5 and 6, Guildhall Chambers (Corporate).

63. The Clerk reports an application on behalf of Melbourne, Hart & Company, Limited, the Lessees, that a reduction in the rent at the rate of £50 per annum be made for the period during which one room is unusable by reason of repairs being carried out.

Resolved to recommend that a reduction in the rent at the rate of £50 per annum be made from the 25th December, 1946, until the repairs are completed.

No. 53, Whitecross Street (Corner of Beech Lane and Whitecross Street) (Consolidated Pension Charity).

64. The Clerk reports the receipt from the War Damage Commission of Notice of Determination of Value Payment (Form Val. 8), the figures therein agreeing with those already approved by the Company.

Nos. 112, 114 and 116, Old Street (Theophilus Royley's Trust).

65. The Clerk reports an application on behalf of Messrs. J. & A. Margolin, the Lessees, for the grant of a new Lease, on the surrender by them of the existing Lease for 80 years expiring at Michaelmas, 1964, at a rent of £200 per annum.

This property, which was badly damaged during the War, is the subject of a Cost of Works Payment and the Lessees will have to provide about £40,000

Diary.

End of 1948-13)

Sherwood brings out what a wonderful chance it was that
Neville & Winston fitted each other so well.

See also (American Union of Jews - TUC) at pp 696-7 Sherwood
(no. 100000000) declaration at Camp David - "not only a good summary"
He is living in Washington

Archie told me some good stories in Paris. He is living in Washington
Mentioning - on 7 Sept we all shall have to retire.

Sherwood on Hophai (pp 616-22) describes the row between Winston &
Stalin over the Second Front. ^{in which I think I have an account from his end} ~~the~~ ^{attribution in}
the archives.

The dinner party on Aug 14th (pp 621) is that which Archie had
sent a job to get him to. They walked together through the pine woods
outside Moscow that afternoon, and he in front down deliberately
chosen narrow paths where two could walk abreast, in an easy
but not slow pace. Mute silence. Archie tried, all ways, to
get him to agree to go to the dinner, in spite of Stalin's refusal.
Finally, rising his job, he said "Mime Archie, do you realize what by
taking up his attitude you're risking the lives of millions of fine
young men, including all our own?" No reply. On return to
the Embassy, he stomped off and Archie waited to be summoned - and
stare home. When the call came, he found he alone with Cadogan.
He, looking at his wrist and a smile, said to C "This chap thinks I'm
making a mess of the war!" But he went to the dinner.

Archie also relates how, soon after his appointment to Moscow, he
was in London trying, in vain, to get a clear directive for
his Russian policy. On the eve of his return to Moscow,
they landed alone. Nothing! And then, just as he was leaving
in despair, he called him back, and said "You want a directive?
All right. I don't mind kissing Stalin's bum, but I'm damned
if I'll lick his arse!" "Thank you, P.M." said Archie,
"now I quite understand."

There is also the story, I think I have recorded it elsewhere,
of Archie, having been made drunk by Pallashev (Mikoyan),
waking up in the fireplace in his Embassy, with his first Sect
on a bench, and when A demanded "How am I here?" he
replied "because your Excellency is here."
Dalton. I. 36. (51)

Throgmorton Avenue (Corporate).

47. The Surveyor submits two drawings for the gates proposed to be erected at the Throgmorton Street end of the Avenue designed by Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss, Limited, estimated to cost £384 and £375 respectively, exclusive of builders' work.

Resolved that the design estimated to cost £384 be accepted and the work put in hand, and that the Carpenters' Company and the City Corporation be informed of the action the Company are taking, with a request to each for replacement of the gates at the entrances to the Avenue from London Wall and Austin Friars respectively.

No. 1/10, Drapers' Gardens (Corporate).

48. *Lifts.* An account of the London Hydraulic Power Company, amounting to £7 10s. for repairs to the cylinder glands of the passenger lifts, etc., is submitted.

Resolved that the amount be approved and the account passed for payment.

49. *Water Supply.* The Clerk reports that complaints having been received that the water supply is inadequate, he has, as a matter of urgency, given instructions for certain of the working parts of the hydraulic pumps supplying the storage tanks to be inspected by an expert, the cost of the works involved being estimated at approximately £40—£50.

Resolved that the Clerk's action be approved.

The Surveyor reports on the present supply of water generally and will report further after the expert's inspection is concluded.

50. *Clock.* The Surveyor reports that he has been notified by Telephone Rentals, Limited, who maintain the Clock over the Lift entrance, that they consider the supporting brackets to be so rusted as to make the Clock unsafe.

It appears that this Clock is the property of the Company, that it is controlled electrically by means of a master impulse clock, the property of Telephone Rentals, Limited, whose duty it is to maintain the Clock.

Resolved that Telephone Rentals, Limited, be informed that they may retain the Clock if they wish and will undertake to render it safe, but if not the Company will dismantle it.

51. *War Damage.* The Clerk reports that the sum of £270 has been received from the War Damage Commission on account of the Company's claim.

52. *Agents' Commission on Relettings.* The Chairman reports that he and the Clerk have had an interview with Mr. A. C. Taylor, of Messrs. Jones, Lang, Wootton & Sons, the Company's Managing Agents, on the question of the commission to be paid to the Agents in respect of negotiations for new lettings to existing tenants.

It appears from the original terms of agency that this matter is one for consideration as and when relettings are negotiated.

Mr. Taylor suggested the sum of 500 guineas for all the proposed relettings as set out in the schedule submitted to the Committee on the 24th June, 1947, excluding the proposed letting of No. 7 to the Industrial & Commercial Finance Corporation, Limited.

Resolved that the commission to be paid to the Company's Managing Agents in respect of the relettings, except No. 7 as above mentioned, be 500 guineas.

10/10/47.

519 36 J Dalton