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DIARY. 8/10/59.

This morning R and I voted at Aldbourne for Cave, and then went by mid morning train to London. I had spoke for Cave at Ludgershall (Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>) Peasey (Oct 5<sup>th</sup>) Swindon Town Hall (for Francis W-B and Marlborough Town Hall (cheerful questioning & Hall half full of boys from Marlborough) on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> and Marlborough (see of poll) on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Meetings better attended than at last election. But "man sum qualis erant." I tire much too easily and my points for W-B less well. At Peasey I addressed them sitting. Very unlikely, but he seems too tired to stand.

I had had a hawk for the last 3 days of the campaign but he was going to win - and so had H.G. himself and many of our leaders 2 poor candidates. I just noted that the Tory - let gap in the News-chronicle. Poll had ~~been~~ not nearly so narrow.

but actually Weather east coast. and in the last 4 days the Daily Mirror largest circulation in the country. especially among the young, had come lumbering into action. ~~was~~ administered set out. to move the Don't Knows over news. we polling day News-chronicle published a last poll. saying that the Don't Knows (to hit a percentage) were coming off the fence quite far from the Tories. More

(hit a majority)

the last I felt reasonably hopeful, as the R and I settled down to the flat to hear the results.

DAILY 8/10/59 (2)

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I had written a first letter (copy above) from Sarman on Monday night, ending "Passover on Friday Hallelujah!"

~~From~~  
I told K I should only note, as results came tonight, 11 Labran gains from Tony, 2 (2) for completeness, Tony's gain from Labran.

Nothing else (bits etc) mentioned. From the start the results that contain the Near Town of Labran votes from West 2 gain. But no. Time he held the 2 seats but then Majority. Time he held the 2 seats but then Majority. Time he held the 2 seats but then Majority.

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DIARY 8/10/59 (3)

Had Jim Callaghan was in, but by less than 1,000  
That night I slept little and broke with difficulty  
next day (Friday) Thomas will have a majority of about 100  
and I visited in results (it feared not quite exactly 100).  
coming in greater numbers. All our hopes in the Convention have been seen

can be  
I got on to Don Switzell. He said I feel very happy  
with the election and very pleased with it. I spoke to him  
and he said "Come round (to 18 Finsbury St) on

Sunday morning and I'll try to let some of the intelligentsia  
young men along, but I'll try to let some of the intelligentsia  
H.G. would like him there 10/10/59 Roy Jackson & Jennifer

come round for a drink on Saturday. Very washed, especially  
she. It is very difficult to explain. On London hill

and organization were so much better than ever before.  
H.G. from separat on TV. But Birmingham is in the depths.

apart from the Reg. Denis now had no job and no money.  
on sheer trash. Denis now had no job and no money.  
children and buying his house. My last spoken to H.G. was before  
he might let Denis job on National Youth Office at Finsbury

Home. a few success & Carol Johnson.  
11/10/59  
Tony drove me up to 18 Finsbury St. At Kimberley was  
historical by the result. Ted had second going well. He  
Comments were revised a bit by Vinton Solid in Friday

night. This Tony appointment, now he had tonight  
unimportant. was passed off at the end of a  
was rather obscure & not very damaging

DIARY  
11/10/58 (2)

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At 11 am. at IF (Fujimori) (to leave home H.G. myself, D. Jay,  
Sandra Walker H. Bowden (Chief Wrip), Tony, Roy, <sup>John Harris</sup>  
(nice looking young man, now came late & told me part of talk;  
H.G. but told me that he was headmaster in a h.d.c., the  
would like to let him into the House later. I must  
meet him again; they want me to contribute to Forward Series,  
but not yet. I said. Tony also said practically nothing.  
He was going on, he told me, to lunch with his mother. (I  
Roy & Jennifer were no more. I lunch with Roy at  
speakers. (One of my <sup>colleagues</sup> was in with Roy at  
professor meets. but I broke this into the Roy talk.)  
D.J. started off with a brief outline in the name of the  
election defeat. He wanted to drop "nationalistic" although he  
Trade Union, (3) drop the name "Labour Party" (became "Labour  
& National" in Labour (Professor) in "the Peoples Party" (by the  
by the way of) but drop the principle of political independence,  
to make agreements, even at 2 months, with the Liberals.  
He said he should name him. and he'd sacrifice  
let him enter to win. I said I thought this was rather wild,  
promising out the whole with the bookwater - concerning the built  
after the evidence. that he should write a pamphlet study at the  
D.J.'s opening outside in  
Forward's new open Forum. if it was

Like you, it will catch up with them the circulation of  
Treasury. Okay for some time. American Loan D.J.  
E. Walker wanted a scientific enquiry, "market research"  
by Nat'l E.C. to find out what attitudes and repelled people  
to certain etc. & occupation maps. It was to write with  
Nagig & to find price for work. He too thought the T.V.  
connection might be loosened. On occasion, Jim Sullivan  
skinner etc. he was sure did in some time. Beards was  
very practical. L.H.F. said little is better than nothing.  
He is. I said to Brian H.S. / on Oct 1941 "resolutely, but  
continuously revisionist." I don't know means a lot.  
Party Constitution might be revised. Some new formula on  
Party Constitution substituted in 1911 text (with Henderson left  
in command) "Commonwealth Party" (local  
of production, distribution & exchange. Unions, Local  
be changed by L.H.F. (Hans) said that Jim  
Party neglected especially (Hans) said that Jim  
Mackellar had some suggestions too. Party, said that Jim  
"Mackellar" was Parliamentary Party, said that Jim  
between Parliamentary Party, said that Jim  
will take time (need most camps  
written. L.H.F. more than talk & work like this. Both placed them most.  
11/10/59. Jim and Andrew Colophon Selwyn, his best on 15th anniversary, was  
He still has his job. Parliamentary Party, said that Jim  
Hansy Esham He is, middle of 1950s onwards is  
to Campbell. Both from last has seen last said  
right dad. But in voting Conservative  
last time.

Diary. 16/10/59 (1)

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I saw H.G. alone at H.C.  
I said I thought D.J.'s article in Forward, on lines of his  
talk on Sunday (11th) was rather badly timed. He replied  
that he couldn't accept that Left (Tribune) could  
continually attack & Right never reply.

I spoke of life piece to myself and said that I would  
like it. (as was he had spoken of it in July).  
But chiefly is what to me easily to read in town with my  
young friends in the Commons - i.e. to retain mental  
of Westminster Club.

Following our agreement in July,  
I would make my communication to P.M. as had I seen  
with him casually. But I had Morrison had approved  
H.G.'s article more long, only that in 1955 Morrison had  
referred to it & Pearce too.

I said that P.M. might  
approve H.G.'s me support in which was formed, that he would  
like to strengthen the L.P. in the Lords. H.G. said he didn't  
know if liked that P.M. would approve him in some  
particular way. But he would let Chief Whip / Board  
to take some soundings. These I left it.

And in the next few weeks, as I gradually began to work out  
the new rhythm of my life, & because more & more about in  
concerning my Vol III. let attraction of a life piece breaks a  
lit. It will be the Education, & I had been a life piece  
and interests without purpose, or even a life  
piece with some official standing.

Dinner, 16/10/59 (2)

to keep with  
Bank now, interesting  
interaction, and withdrawal to later might even be  
something of an unwise move.

Bank 1 small bank, 2nd bank 1 was retired from the H/C,  
I should no longer pretend to myself or anyone else  
that I was still a member. I shouldn't hang about  
the place, or listen to things Ray says, or run about picking  
up gossip, or trying to influence details. I was retired, I

was the younger man must run the show. I said  
with a certain air of finality, & he said, being a  
broad from formula, that he knew I should stop the

arrived for consultation and advice. I said that his  
visit to the Chamber  
the idea suggest that the Chamber  
be elected, that should be taken by the Leader.  
Does he think he'll be taken at his 41?

19/10/59.  
Hendon Fairbridge Annual Jubilee meeting at Hendon Home  
Mrs Fairbridge (Premier's sister) well preserved & fine looking  
woman. Charles Hambro makes a long speech, in which  
he mentions it was Draper (company) & me personally (how  
a meeting to me in connection to Jubilee fund  
was in last of Hotel near Hendon).