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DIARY

Dalton. 44 (1)

11/6/52

I am playing with the idea of resigning from the Paul & Ull, & leaving Vincent Black, on issue a Ratsch's of agreements with Spink.

The issue, in the Paul & Ull, is heavily underwritten by Nye's attack on Ull, & last Mr Nye before written, & in Tribune article. Spink's reaction! Ratsch's all moderate in regard to Ull. They so have attacked Ull.

Very risky - on account that Paul desires 20% to vote with Ratsch's? (11): 1 feel, 1 like just for long. Very deep on this issue, - & danger of Ull's account number, (2): 20% of

London or Safeway, ~~and~~ with AMEE London or N.Y.C. London one is, (3):, 20% of (1) & 20% of (2). I am handicapped, on much of Paul & Ull, with no corresponding Jan. in handwriting. I now speak ^{in terms of} ~~very important~~ into affairs. - Ull's account is handicapped. I will be free, if - sitting, 25 or

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Dalton 44 (2)

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Front beach below jumpway (4) : : Presently water
is up to rim of water tank of N.E. corner of front.
Long narrow of Paul's Pond? Paul's Pond water level?

My impression with water in small
pond, and some of the water, continue to be
impression on N.E. corner of Paul's Pond?

1) I receive on this for Paul's Pond, (Front
beach) 2) Power of water speed, 182 could
make myself safe on N.E. corner of
before building, I must watch water level & etc

Part 2 (2) from C.A. (3) connect a few
- H.G., Return, Tony Pearson, - & ? Jim Callaghan
on Paul's Pond, - 2 Tony looked outside.

Speak later to top Return, who has talked with
Jim Callaghan, & Return he can get agreement to
work upon water subject to condition. He looks in with
water receiving. And to look back, now rather than
view. He is in... anagically very receiving. He is in...

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Dallas 44 (3)

15/6/52

Week end reflection.

I am losing interest in current politics, & especially in these parcaid feeds. I shall not

have much longer any. At least I hope not.

I don't want sensibility.

In what remains I want to make my contribution 2- history, and human, and political & economic thought, and to know a bit more, and to plant trees.

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Darton 44 (4)

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Tony came to lunch at my flat today. (Part of our talk in private diary, & some repetition here of that.)

He'd been lecturing in ^{W.} Germany under F.O. auspices, & meeting lots of people. W.-Germany was going ahead very fast. Her "free economy" was a post-war success story - large distribution very successful. She had seen the struggle & more important than we. He wants German Remmit must be prevented her from cutting out to completely re-export markets. He is not with staff here

He wanted as rapidly as possible, said he wouldn't do that. She would follow her own interests. Deutscherlib

ally; that was all; ^{the} couldn't large accept that. ^{German} ^{is} ^{impossible!} ^{said} I was thinking of resigning from Parliament on German Remmit, & speaking from before Germany. He was horrified by this, & begged me, before deciding, to listen to some of my young friends; none of those except John Freeman, who wanted TB to lead party, would take other view. I said I was being resisted all the time today. There was no

ADY,

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into a little intrigue foreign. He said there'd been
intrigue on both sides. But I had even intrigued
with Elwyn Jones, whom everyone knew to be a
Communist. I said he wasn't. He said of
course I was bored. I said yes, and why not?

He said I had a nervous about
Clare Pearce, and my hatred for H. Morrison
was a matter for psycho-analysis. Something had
happened in the last year. I said there was no
need for psycho-analysis. My feeling for H.M.
wasn't hatred, but contempt. He had let the
side completely on Foreign Secy - and still didn't
realize it. He had wanted to delay the election,
- & this might well have led to a message on
people - because he thought he might see a
time in Korea. He was no long a socialist,
& had no new ideas on the Home Front. And he
was intriguing against M.E. Justice, & Allen Lewis, &
Suzanne Pearce. He spoke of Tom Phillips, - my third man,
an apt Morrison & Beran. I said he'd been a nice

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Dallou 44(6)

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He'd taken a silly ~~thought~~ little point of
 at all to me over this. I thought the
 D. J. put into his head by Morrison, about some alleged
 meeting of back-bench N.E.C. members. I thought we
 must have further down the line now for a Third Man;
 perhaps Alf Roberts. Tony said this was really shocking
 when I had suggested J.G. to him, he had thought him weak
 but now that he had watched J.G. in action, & talked of
 him to others, he thought he would be strong.

At evening ^{stage} conversation, I said I wanted to be off
 Paul's tree. I should save hours a week of time
 now wanted in meetings where there was no effect in
 Chairman, and from Peter the Secretary I could
 speak on a Privy Committee, when I liked. He
 said "You're bored." I said I was indeed.

He said that me to resign over German Research
 and speak on this in the House ~~where~~ will be a
 tremendous comfort to the Government, & a blow to the
 whole leadership. I said I couldn't help this. I'd
 held these views before "Her Majesty" was invented. He
 said it was all quite contrary to his advice I'd given
 him & that young people - never resign, never refuse the
 offer of a job, etc. I said I had a special position

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Dalton 44 (7)

26/6/52 (4)

I couldn't even say for N.E. Dept
 on Chairman of N.E. but Sat. that was being
 constantly undermined by some 'muck' on John Head's
 report, circulated by last week. I might have added
 that my advice was sound for young men, but not
 necessary for older statesmen.

But I said, of course, I'd like to hear views of
 young men I liked & trusted before deciding. All this
 but was a lot of things I wanted to hold dear at
 Council. But he took this very seriously.
 Later he rang up and fixed that I would come to
 his flat on Monday at 6 pm. I had a drink with him
 & Roy Jenkins & Jim Callaghan. He asked views I
 like Woodrow Wyatt too? I said no, he waffled.
 on Douglas Jay & Denis Healey? I said I thought
 not too big a meeting. & D.H. didn't understand
 much about Parliamentary things yet.

That night, after our walk, I became very, very
 angry - not with Tony, but with some of my
 colleagues - and hardly slept at all. (He with very
 descriptive words, etc.)

When speaking to John Freeman about this a few days
 ago, he said the thought I had made my position on N.E.
 at one time in danger, safe now by my stand on Keynes
 & Harman, which I thought was the right one. It was a pity
 that the message passed to
 it would be a pity

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Dalton
44 (8)

Let West Barrie Reef 2
Doubtly with 100m fall. Don't
know how well coming to shore
is.

At W.L., fuming over German Remant 2 fairies
& poor Tom Anderson to Reef Gutline & one
or two Roubt maker at Bishop Auckland in
order.

I shall gradually disengage. I shall stand
after the Parliamentary Week. I may, might to
faller with Tony & others, let some work.
reign soon over German Remant & speed for
front bank under gateway. I don't want to
be a Minister again. I don't think if Parly
last time normal days, I shall find more
one more small election. If I'm back in
this year, I shall stand again. 1/1 Lin, I shall
I think (they'll be a bit more open, looking
after the fact) stand next year.

I want to write 3 books on history - but I may
not need to finish, and see what's best for me - and
write V.F. to England, I think must write the
book.

German Record VI

Note met, but not brought out - of meeting at Tamm's flat on 30/6/52

I regard the German as very dangerous to the lives & liberties of their neighbors. (Individuals may have all the good qualities; I speak of the mass.)

∴ I would have preferred not to see them returned at all. If we had had success, & not failure, at Potsdam they might have been possible for a long time.

As recently as Oct 1950 E.V. said G.K. "unthinkable" & he had to "accept Munich", only ∴ statement on 1/12/50 US press is same. He reserved timing, amount & method.

3 Cab meetings to let him go back for. He said "status of ship" but there were many other things. Feb 1951. 4 NEEC conf. (really 3 - others to be announced) so interpreted as to prevent re-emergence of German military machine; appear with German in London. This followed animated and serious discussion in Cab. I had something to do with it.

July 1951. Last Foreign Affairs Debate in last Parlt. Young said NEEC leaders still held post-mortem to Washington. Statment of 3 Foreign

Sept 1951. Morrison, in very general terms, in favour of Europe Aug 1951. No time talk. For authority (- set aside NEEC conf. just before Xmas) NEEC in D.H. restated A conf. "if necessary interpreted, still 2/12/51." Special ref to German people.

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acceptance of German Record, until (1) rather limited in first instance to free all-German election, (2) new election in W. Germany, (3) France armed accs (- U.S. programme).

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German Account (2) John Gray's - factual interpretation, I was not thinking.

1 reply to Condor + 3 N.E.C. points as minimum safeguards.

Two on N.E.C. I personally am committed, I don't retreat. with 12 divisions, sov. sov. sov. setup, it's interpret under "E.D.C." with 12 divisions, sov. sov. sov. setup, it's interpret under "E.D.C." my first!

we know that France & Germany, in particular, with ability

E.D.C.
(2) want to find leader for us? Eden not very candid. + £100 m in gold for our bank in Germany, need from? just when an balance a payments near breaking point!

Therefore I feel inclined to react for Paul's use, I speak from below Sangway on German Account, if any debate involving nations or even general approval is raised -

I am not prepared to be indefinitely silent either on the issue of direct reparation or even general approval is raised - I am not prepared to be indefinitely silent either on the issue of direct reparation or even general approval is raised - I am not prepared to be indefinitely silent either on the issue of direct reparation or even general approval is raised -

Condor on N.E.C. Dept.

It is said by some good judges that we can't stop German Account altogether; that she is being stronger & more successful - under her free economy - even more; that we must try to tie her in close to us as we can.

I say this can't be, unless we're prepared to be a German satellite & do her bidding. Doubtless when after it has seen & the really means it. War apt to end, with East Germany & Poland (part) & just reparations.

Diana,
30/1/52

They'd killed all my friend in Finckhway, etc.
Deutschlaw like alles was then say to
they mean it. You couldn't fire to go in with bags
a pipe etc etc

To Tony's flat. I met Callaghan, Jenkins & Jones.
French talk. I told them German was rubbish,
but not was excepted. They said my recipe was

German. Regent told me a long story at dinner &
said Reg. - good beer or whisky.
a help to them. I said I couldn't help them. The

fault would lie with them - I don't know who
I don't support me. They said this was quite different
from what I'd advised them when young - new
recipe, always accept majority view. I said this

was good advice to young men. But I was already in
a bad position - as I didn't give any

answers. I recapitulated my views on German, & how
the side has advanced with them in German - the growth
expected to stay.

Reg, Tony & Jim all seemed to understand the thing.
Dugan accepted. The material!

I showed Mallalica at the end of January
Tony & Reg. He said I was drunk. I said they
to come back. He said. He would try to postpone lunch.
I don't like idea of Callaghan. Plus, what the hell
was the point?

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Dalton 44 (12)

30/6/52. (2)

I told the young men I must go on the record
 & for a warning of what German Remnant would
 mean. I wasn't going to be hushed up by the
 two penny half penny little people on the Parliamentary
 Committee. That was why I spoke so often
 on the outside. Also I was personally
 committed by N.E. Declⁿ. They might run
 away. I couldn't.

Tommy said all this was so different from the
 realistic politician they had learned to know & respect.

I said I shouldn't another strand again
 Paul's tree. I didn't want to be a minute
 again. I must be faithful in my old age to the
 convictions of my youth. And I wasn't going
 to spend my time sitting in the gutter & speaking to
 dingy little people. They said my resignation
 would influence German Remnant but it would encourage the
 left battle to para within the Party. I said that if the
 situation was created, it must be responsible. They thought
 it would mean the end of the movement.

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30/6/52 (3)

Polish airman brought down 1274
Czech aircraft destroyed in battle of Britain
I am very angry & worked up about it all.

see Europe going by default. Free economy

Germany will be going ahead; with all their
gifts of efficiency displayed to the full. And we,
in our mismanaged, mixed economy, overpopulated

little island, shall become a second rate
power, with no influence & continuing "leak".

I said I hoped I should not be here to
see too much of this, and I should advise
all young people to migrate to Canada or
Australia.

"Famine & pestilence; poverty, sin
penury & death; a pest from
Heaven"

I find I have suddenly become totally
bored by the Henry Compton. It has become
an unreal, far away nonsense. I looked
up for a moment tonight & saw them all

sitting in rows — high idiots!

I said to the 4 young men, "in seven or Germany is
owned again! There'll be a hell tolling in the distance
for some time. The Third World war will be on the way. They'll
be fighting the Death ship with position for Canada."

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Dalton 44 (14)

1/7/52

want trouble me very much - as I am conscious
 of being very inclined to explode violently in few
 directions, as I did to my 4 young men at Tsui's
 flat yesterday, & later to Mallelien in defence
 of my young man - is the fugee (Comda-fugee,
 - Don't hate German for Reamant; Don't lay
 responsibility on his help Beranika against all the
 people you like, Hye Jaitkell, the 4 young men
 yesterday, etc.

Finally, after talk in Tsui's flat & further
 dining with D. Jay & staying with Mallelien
 (J. Freeman also being awkwardly present), I took
 Hye S. back to my flat.
 I started on his flat & was very indignant
 I said I loved him, but hated many of his
 backer; said I must resign Jan 1952 if
 they want for nihil - in any form of Comm Reamant.
 But didn't want it - rushed. If put off till Autumn,
 - after Party Conference, so that my resignation
 said to strengthen B's day there - he should see when
 he speak then. I said he must be too stiff. C.K.T.
 must react on. It's the C/E. W. T. D. J. K. P. B. T. K. R. Z.
 H. B. F. J. J. (D. J. is the only one)

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Dalton 44 (15)

2/7/52

The frenetic music in my soul these days
is jazz (a 2/4 tempo do jazz, or is a
jazz except?) DEUTSCHLHARD ÜBER
AZLES v UP BEVAN.

I don't want either. I would hate either.

They seem to have had a hell of a
row at the PR Mtg yesterday. I stayed
away, as did Jim Callaghan. We hadn't
been consulted on his drafting of the
resolution on Korea, ^{to bring up the plants.} So we weren't committed
to defend it. American criticism developed, Gen
Myl & others. - including Arthur Blankenship - &
it was sent by C.R.A. last part of the day. I approved
resolution. Tom Greenwood passed a resolution,
protesting. He didn't feel committed either. So
C.R.A. said it wasn't full part of the day, but those

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Don't know 44 (16)

2/7/52 (2)

They could get hold of. T.S. abstained on
later vote. This was 101 to 51, on the debate,
for resolution. Some 20 or more present,
abstained. H.M. had come in, at end, and
made this a motion of confidence in the Leader.
Very weakening. In regard C.R.A. is losing

his grip.
Today, I discuss there'll be an impact
Paul's case, ditto for consideration whether
we should not raise Germany too. T.S.
said yesterday that he thought he might
raise this with me, if Party didn't vote
against ratification, if this came up before
end of July. I said, and also to Mr. Roberts,
that we wanted a strong vote against ratification,
no reserved amendments. Reserving could
be developed in debate.
Decision whether to raise it or not rests
with Govt. at the moment.

DIARY.

Dalton 44 (17)

7/7/52

Today I read of ZITA CROSSMAN's death & Tony
CROSLAND tells me on the telephone that he &
HILARY SARSEN are going to get married.

This is, as John Freeman, walking up and down the
terrace, says to me "a ~~very~~ very moving day."

He has told Tony to marry Hilary for some
time. He keeps coming back to her. He has been
a playing long enough. More on this in private
diary.

Zita, whom he saw - Jim Callaghan & Douglas Jay &
at Xyr - Zita Dick & her visitors only last Wednesday -
the Venetian, & joked with - died of cerebral (her
spell like Monty word?) thrombosis. She never
recovers consciousness of the 3 days. If she had
"recovered" she would have been paralyzed. They had no
warning of this. But now he has a heart incident

when and a return of the phlebitis, which nearly killed
him in 1948 when he was working for me at night. I
remember visiting him in hospital.

ZITA is the Currier-
Thursday in the Country. D.L. for Mary Hume Hospital back to home.
my mind very devoted to Jack & Joan.

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Dalton 440 (18)

15/7/52

Paul & Ucc. Carmen Recant. Long L...
P... asked that C.K.T. shall...
... on work with ins...
... because... 2 that 1953 shall be
... to date 2 in the...

I said I stood by...
1 & Tony & 2, with hesitation. Jim Callaghan had
... word "opt..."
... the way, - even putting D. Healy, Alan
... H. ...
L... absent.

It was a rather poor meeting. A final decision
is that off till we see... I advised...
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DIARY,

Dallou 44 (19)

16/7/52

Party meeting on General Re-arrangement. Some confusion! But the end is not so bad.

Paul & Cree puts up a motion that "the notification of the contractual agreements by the U.K. at the present time is inopportune, and that view shall be expressed in the debate when discussion takes place in the House."

[This was a compromise proposition, following pressure by me and Terry & to that in regard "shall be opposed." I said I'd take a vote on the opinion of the Cree. This is because always to be a bit delicate! Jim Callaghan said if I did take a vote, he'd be in favour of my proposal, but he passed me out to the U.K. group ^{to insist} "the words" and his division lobby. So I agreed. "we'd get most of what we wanted."]

At the party meeting we had amendments by Pakenham, Miranda, G. Walker, & Regal.

DIARY

Dillon 44 (20)

16/7/52 (2)

Parliament, in short, emotional pro-Soviet speech, moved to add that we welcomed German Reparations & etc. This was overwhelmingly defeated on a show of hands, not counted. Then Richards moved that we adhere to N.E.C. Decl. He made a remarkable speech, though, like most others that morning, too long. Royal proposed to insist we can obtain "within the next 24 hours" reaffirm the Attlee conditions." But this was resisted from the body of the Hall. So Richards went to the vote & was defeated 79 to 73. I & most of Party then voted against, on principle of collective responsibility. I & Team of ... probably Jim Callaghan, or men's would like voted the other way. Then it would like been at least a tie. But there was then an outcry for Royal to be put; many feeling that result on Richards was too narrow. Much shouting. Shrewsbury in particular shouting "No" hysterically & repeatedly. I say to him "Is that it? I want to hear what other are saying." C.K. then admitted a vote as to whether Royal should

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Dalton 44 (21)

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be put. At this stage rushed wildly out of the Hall. It was put as a procedural matter. Tuesday 21 voted for it, several of our colleagues absent. It was carried by 106 to 23. Then before it could be put G. Walker moved an motion to an amendment to insert "while accepting the principle of a 'Commonwealth' basis 5 colleagues of our side - H. G. H. G., Jim. Hillier, Paul N.B. & Stokes - voted in favour. Tuesday 21, - 21 votes were cast - against. It was defeated by 86 to 55. Paul Regal was put & carried by 94 to 47. It was clear it was carried, before the votes were called. I voted against with a broad plan, having

we'd won. So it ended, ^{G. Walker says later} that there is a danger of satisfaction in middle mass of party. He then I have stated.

Last night at Paul's office H. G. referred to the "mess up" this morning. I said the so-called "mess up" had ended not badly. But I was amazed to hear my colleagues had voted for one of the "American units to our north" - namely G. Walker's - while voting against others. I had voted against

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Dalton 44 (22)

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to which others not
summed. Chk. said I
should come before full Chk.
I said I was opposed to
it but I was not sure

all - not picking & choosing -
we should all be loyal to our own resolution.
if I had been picking & choosing I should have
voted for Mikando - since I was not retracting
one vote from his vote. Chk. - and
Royal - because I still stand by the
condition. I said I thought Chk. in the

Chair had done very well, not standing on strict
procedure, but recognizing that that was majority
wanted an agreement. 106 votes of Royal to
be voted on. There were 106

Berankes! Jim Phillips then defended
himself - the other 4 sinners remaining
silent. He had had a number of a T.V.
Exec of 30 years --- He had never been
changed before --- etc. I repeated that I had
been surprised. I added that I hoped to find out
next month through the full Panel Chk. - not
confronted by one or two, as on 14th (Monday) at meeting &

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Dalton 44

23

17/7/52

I've had 2 talks with H.G., y'don & Henry. He's very
obstinate, - & in danger of losing support of central mass
of party. He popped up at PZ party last week &
interrupt me on Gold payment to Venman for
Reefing can beach here. He said nothing was
settled. I said that was now a complaint of.
He sits always ^{1st} ^{second} ^{last} ^{of} ^{the} ^{line} ^{at} ^{the} ^{platform} ^{at} ^{PZ} ^{party}.
I said to him last after Xmas when he had been
very talkative, & I told him I was drunk &
lit. "Don't give me too hard over German Remits."
He said just because H.G.'s Jack in the Box. He
didn't take that well, & said "well, if you're going to be
offensive, I can be too. You sit on the fence. You
used not to like people now sat on the fence. I
said that about H.G. (A.H.) it was very difficult
to sit anywhere but on the fence. He said you
must realise that there was a bitter struggle for
leadership going on. It might last several years. But
B'ites might win. Then he'd like to consider whether
he could go on in public life. I said there were a
lot of people in the middle, who wanted to be persons

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17/7/52 (2)

hatreds suppressed. He said that rather with the B. ita.
He was very tense & unsocial.

Today he spoke again. I repeated Crompton's observations.
Was in middle mess, - 2 instances the Party felt -
was very tired of personal rivalries & bitterness. I said,
picking up what he'd said about ^{my} sitting on his fence, was
I think I was never to say to Reef. The thing is that
I don't split from either end. He was glad I
was unresponsive. I said he was in danger of being an
obsession about the B's. He said I had an obsession
about the Jews. "Very unreasonable" though
(Common Remark). This, anyway, he said, would be
settled soon.

He seemed to be looking forward to their succeeding
C.R.A. (now is, indeed, more & more frail & feeble. I
fear.) I said it would be a very unhappy ship. He
said he had thought it all out. (He said earlier that
had kept Finance all his own own hands)

DIARY.

Dalton 44

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18/7/52 - 20/7/52

Week end at Halstead.

As always, very well cared for. Prof Richard Kahn to lunch on Saturday. I liked him, both as a chap and as a mind. Odd that he's never really met before. I'd known ^{him} ~~him~~ directly, as an Assistant civil servant, at the City of Production in the war, winding my Development Area programme. I behaved very well, and modestly.

as advised by Tom beforehand.

K talked good, but disturbing, slack on the Bill & the Treasury. No one outside the Bank knows what it's doing, or how, or whether it's right. He thinks it's worse since it was nationalised (but this should be). I talk to H.G. some days later. We agree that R.K. would be the best economist to put on the Bank's staff - to make an Executive Director. The Hungarians would do. They'd bring down on their country between themselves (the rest). K says Foreign Exchange control is very weak now.

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Dalton 66 (26)

18/7/52 - 20/7/52 (2)

He thinks joining should begin to be discussed at SW
level level between B of E & Treasury

K is against German Recruitment. Why press
them? (At this stage T is told to let it!) Great
youngster. If you can't have, you'll take ^{what} gold. How
much? Perhaps £80 m a year at least.

I ask do most 'trampish persons' (as Pifer
would call them) at Cambridge share these views?
T half explains, but I say "join in Cambridge".

I say "Some people tell me we're down & out.
we can't control the Germans. we can't stop them
rearming. But we can bind them in with us." I

reply "No you can't. Once they're strong, joining
is trouble. ∴, to postpone it, even by one year,

is to give another year of peace and happiness and
love to the young." I say this, as he leaves the

dining room. It appears. Next morning Patricia is

is staying with W's. So "Germany is a much greater danger
than Russia." ^{say straight} ^{the side}

DIARY.

Dalton 44 (27)

24/7/52

Today's Pt 2 mtg approved, without comment, proposal of Paul's Ctee that I, Shirewell & Chris Mayhew should speak for the Party on German Remit next week. (I knew that Chris showed reluctance, at some stage he could speak with conviction in light of last Party meeting. He is, of course, in Hatfield pocket - U.S.) It was funny last night. One question of speakers arose, then was a silence. Then Jim Callaghan jumped in. More silence. Then I said that several members had asked me why I never spoke - in the House - on this, and I should be quite happy to speak in support of policy agreed at last Party meeting. (C.A. then said I should be the one)

I was not in agreement, I know, with a majority of members of the Paul's Ctee on this. But I was, I thought, in agreement with majority of members of the Party.

I should speak. I'm, I mean, said he would feel embarrassed I wouldn't want to speak. ~~But~~ Jim Callaghan says. Gains & Disappointments on Morris's visit. One

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Dalton 44

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24/7/52(2)

Shawell, son of course, didn't refuse. Open Club.
he must meet on Monday, as Paul & I, &
a few more of course for Pt 3 Mt 3 on Tuesday.

Pt 3 Mt 3 very ragged. Mt 3 raises a few questions
of British Reamant? Smithson & alternative.

S. Brown makes a strong speech. My call
him, I'm told, a pimp and a bastard. Several

people criticize each other. Crossman says he
finds Gaitskell "irritating". Others say for an
end of these personalities. There is a good

block of middle opinion forming in the Party -

S. Chetwood tells me a number of the net -
to say to ride down all these persons

hates a rivalries.

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Lara.

Further talk with George Brown. He is being very active in a number of groups in Parliamentary Party, (a) to try to strengthen leadership, back up C.P., get platform to lead, incidentally also to build up H.M. as Deputy, and to stop Jim Griffiths from being used as a Third Man, and (b) to fight the Beramites. They're also trying to influence some votes of C.P. electors at Morecambe, who are apart Beramites. So far, he tells me, are doubtful whether in addition to H.M., J.G., H.G. & Alf Roberts, to work for me, because they think I'm jumping for H.M. G.B. says I won't give them impression. I speak, on top, very frankly about H.M.'s terrible weakness. He has stopped growing, but not stopped withering. He will go on fighting me on Green Road, though I've got most Party on my side, & am embarrassed by B-ite support. I repeat that I hate, more & more, an indication to Disengagement; would not run for N.E. Uni. Jan. if I didn't think my seat was in danger. etc. It seems from the several groups in vote G.B. is involved. Some of

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his colleagues are going to talk to CRA. He himself
to H.G. The latter visited the N. group last night.
It was, say S.B., a pathetic flop. Not in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
with any sentiment in the party; waiting, like a
Buddha, for leadership to fall into his lap. We
speak that CRA might outlast him, though CRA
had shown signs of aging & weakening lately.

They had named J.G. not to let himself be
made a cat's paw. I said I'd seriously thought of
him as an alternative, but lately had been
disappointed in him. I said S. W. was much
suspicious of him, as a post A.B. ~~He~~ said they didn't
think much of him in S. W. He was too weak.

S.B. also said that H.G. mustn't let his
right & fall of Laker. Some of his best friends
must warn him. I said I'd tried, but without
much result. S.B. said that Stokes & Day
had said to him that he was getting fed up
with H.G.'s attitude.

(I believe Doris is a woman; the Jennie is a woman. But
a non-political wife, like Hilary & Tony, she is a wife
of a politician.)

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Dalton 44 (81)

German Rearmament.

Victory at the Parliamentary Committee!

We decide to recommend to the Party ^{not} to vote in favour of
our amendment and a vote on the ^{vote} substantive motion. I have
attached most importance to the latter. I have been willing to concede
something in the form of the and of the second vote.

Skirrow had rung me up this morning, - did say at his suggestion
and proposed that we, as the 2 speakers, should concentrate on the
form of the and. We do, in the few rows after questions. I have
a text ready. The result. We score 4/1 - win in favour of
2 votes, - I he to open 2 1 to wind up.

I see C.R.A. You know before these meetings. He's just
had H.M. talk with him. He says he's been looking at the
Cair paper. I we did for a long way ^{way} in favouring their position.
(H.M. will have been phrasing this!) I show him some
draft; says E.S. are agreed on it; & that we must vote
to win. Otherwise there'll be awful trouble in the Party.

I've also spoken to Mr. Roberts beforehand. He is on
my side. Mr. Cree at end of this is practically isolated.
Putting in the Vote for about Atlantic Community from the
British Community carries the rest. H.S. says it's a
reasonable and he thinks & he doesn't attach much importance
either way, to the second vote. A.R. weighs in well. Tony

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Wrenwood as always, very faithful. Several other silent Phil
r.r.s. Fortunately at Helsinki. Finally C.R.T. says he
thinks we're agreed. So what's new!

Jim Callaghan is away at a party to his wife at 40
Maze Hill, Wrenwick, a charming new house they've recently
taken. Alf Robson & I drive down later afterwards.

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German Resolutions.

Tremendous personal triumph, my friends say. At 10¹⁵ AM
in Westminster Hall our amendment is approved by
141 to 10; and the vote against the Govt's substantive
motion by 131 to 27. These are much larger majorities
than I had expected. When C.R.T. announces Paul's
recommendation, I reach 2nd vote, there is loud applause from
Beramita & others, a loud and angry shout of "No" from
~~the~~ the German Resolutions. The people start to ask you
about the meaning of the vote. I am a bit apprehensive about
this, & it isn't clear how to answer. So I get up & say I
don't think it's very useful to have this vote - a question
has been between the floor & the platform, & would be better
if members made speeches giving their own views. This is
received with some resentment & protest. Debate is

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Lee opens. But first H.M., sitting between C.K.A. & me, rises
and makes a long statement on what he did, as Foreign Secy,
with the approval of the Cabinet. It is very dull, & he
speaks at length from the ^{2nd} P. Tony Greenwood, sitting on the
other side of me, whispers "he can always be trusted to kill
anything." Desmond Donnelly says to me, after the meeting,
"it sounded like a Confession of a Russian spy kind."

One Rearmer makes the moving at the start. He calls
Pajet, Parkman, Chris Poyner & Tommy (quite early. Pajet
says he will vote against in a vote and to make motion.
(In fact, he speaks against, but abstains on vote.) F. Parkman
says "This is the house of Kimbley the B.C. man. Let
Orew statement. And among the B.C. man I include, for this
number. I vote without ^{of course} have Dalton." And I reply "without
of course, but without accuracy." Tommy denounces our

Decision on a "sell out" (the last double vowel very
cockney!) Chris makes a powerful & confident speech,
attacking the N.S., & "Red meat foreign policy." Then the
Rippling like having spent it? for it, he takes a very
Chief speech - most surprising - from Orew, and with
contributions, in support of our recommendations, from Strachey
& Kenneth Younger.

C.K.A. asks me to stand up, just
before the two votes are put.

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Dallas 44 (34)

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I try to be very clear & very persuasive. I am confident that I carry the majority in support of the Kennedy own amendment; less confident in my case for voting on the one you, but I say that our policy stands in the amendment and that if that is rejected, he must reassert it in opposition to Govt motion which he had unsuccessfully tried to amend.

The Right had made a noise, & put up speaking, out of all proportion to their numbers. But I was amazed & delighted by the figures.

Afterwards I receive many congratulations. From Dick Luskman, from Lord Chatterton, Womack & all from John Freeman, now says that for me this is the result of seven months battle, & that I may feel very proud to contrast.

Later in the Snake Room Myl orders her to wait till Paul's office today. I say that at the end, HM has practically initiated. He orders about H.S. I say that he said that they it was quite a reasonable amendment, & that he didn't resist the second vote. Myl is disappointed, I think, & slightly irritated. He then says that Tony Luskman & Reg Jenkins voted

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Dalton 64

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wilt the 27 this morning. I say that neither of them was at the
Phy mtg. The Justice was left. I say I am quite sure. I think one
of them rang me up beforehand & that I told him he need not
come, because the majority was quite safe. This is a
sidelight on the personal spikes in D.C. It's all washing
here!

Last week end I was at Durham for the Gala.
Mye, Shawcross & Peggy Hentison the other visiting
speakers. I spoke to Mye about Packer, following
a talk with Dick Gorman. I said the important
thing was to get the Paul's Party to vote against the
Hague for motion on German Recruit. To do this, I was
willing to concede something in the form of some kind of
He agreed. I said that if heater & Paul's Union, I would
accept it, but would insist on its being brought to Packer's
& either speaking again in C.R.A. I say that Paul's Union
divided. I expected the defeat. (I was a strong supporter
I was.)
Gala was done very nicely. Travelled
back with Shawcross & his wife. A careful convention in
London. No reply to German Recruit. Division in Paul's, in
third count, except that he said he would stand by N.C.

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Stewart says he asked C.K.A. whether he was going on as leader. C.K.A. said "of course." J.S. "Then you'll be PM again soon." C.K.A. "Yes, what time in 1953, I should think." J.S. "Is it a bit satisfied?" C.K.A. "Oh, you know, when you're like me, you're like me." *(Latter part of page)*

Muri Matthews coming to type my staff speech.
says ^{William} said of me "He's got a love ^{back} ^{(-Muri)"}
in the camps." Many more letters and

Constitutional Union (C.K.A. Reassures victory, S. Brown. was voted into minority, & is now the S. Walker says he saw H.M. yesterday, & told him he really ought to check Foreign Affairs now. H.M., S. B. says, had me a spontaneous invitation for being made it as easy as possible for him, on an annual.

etc.
S. Chetwood will be 2 Stewart in September, on a substitute.
This is a reward, at long last, for his loyal & steady work for me, as P.P.S. I think, & his his good work in the Park generally.

Myse seems to have attacked H.G. Disparagingly in the House today, in front of Jewish Tories. These passages & comments are really very dreadful. I'd hope my case being done.

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Dalhousie 4/8

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4/8/52

MT W.L.

Monday - August Bank Holiday - Anniversary, in the Times Leader today recalls, of the Start of World War one.

I got down here on Saturday evening, & suddenly found that I was very tired. I slept early ^{last night} - after a sad round of the ~~bonfire~~ burnt shrubs, almost a forest fire in miniature, which had resulted from R trying to burn dry grass; I fear some of my Service Trees may die along the road, and, though this matters less, a lot of thorns & young hick.

I slept nearly all Saturday, & had breakfast, lunch & tea in bed. In the evening I still felt very limp, physically & mentally. But I did another long sleep. & today can start to write.

This is all a reaction to Parliamentary sitting, & ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~more~~ ^{more} ~~important~~ ^{important} of all, to the long fight inside the Party over German Rearmament. My victory in this fight, for the moment at least, ended with my speech winding up the debate on Friday afternoon, & in the two votes following, first on our unqualified ~~and then~~ ^{and then} on the main question.

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Dalton 44 (88)

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My speech, as Crossman said to me while the Division was taking place, was "very moderate" in tone: "Yes, I said 'deliberately'. I wanted to maximise our vote." But several thought it a good speech. Jim Callaghan said that the first part, in particular, (noting One World) & building up the backroom, was "masterly". You could hear that you were speaking to a packed House. Tony Greenwood, who has been remarkably of all things than ^{in public} ~~in~~ Parliamentary circles, sat by me, & was very complimentary. Sir Peter Gowers, who I have noted that he shall be Strickland, was also present; Robert was also present; I. C. Jones some recompense for his long & faithful service as my J.P.S., & this is a first statement. Tony Goslow, to whom I spoke next morning on the telephone — he is pro-Union — Remains, thinking he can't stop it anyway, & had better try to let them consider, & many of them went out as I think —

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4/8/52 (3)

Dillon 44 (89)

said he came in just before I began quoting Churchill. He thought it was a good speech, but he liked the latter part best, though he thought I liked best the earlier & more rhetorical passages (especially jokes). But the latter part was a logical argument though he didn't appreciate it all. ^{Kenneth Young. (I said to C.H.A. when I sat down;)} I said to C.H.A. when I sat down;

he was on the other side of me & complimented me (I know not how sincerely) "I tried to read you as far as was possible."

Eden opened & closed the debate, - very effectively. Hinchinbrooke spoke against the first, & abstained on both divisions. One or two other Tories abstained. One voted against an amendment & abstained on the main question.

Gen. (Gen. Reame) took it very hard. Pugh, Blair, Mayhew & Bellenger spoke. C.M. voted in both divisions, but the other two, & a number of others, abstained in both. Hudson, an ex-Minister, abstained on the first, but voted with us on the second. E.g. - Mr. Baines, Seymour Cohen, D. Hanington, Jack Jones, F. M. Lewis, Phillips Price, H. Rhodes & Wilcock - with a very impressive lot! - voted on the first, but abstained on the second. A number were voted in both divisions & I think

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and the protectionism, - the Control. Rev. Motion, etc. How many abstracts deliberately or not I don't know. But they will show some olive, - now has been very general Re-union for months.

Pakistan spoke against our line in the Leads, & abstained. H. G. said he didn't think he'd sit in with it spoke, if I didn't mind. I said "No. Don't."

Now for the moment, Uzi fight is over. It has taken me 7 months to win Uzi round, - since my broadcast just before the strikes. The resistance, organized by Morrison, has been very persistent. Much it has been spoken of me by the Morrisonites, & many from which

would to smile at me always when we passed, do so no longer. (This may be partly, but not more than half, my fault - but!) It is infuriating how Uzi is all mixed up with Beram as anti-Beram, - & the sickening

ATLACE - Beram brawl, which broke out again ~~last~~ on Friday morning & half. I have noted the reports of Beram's, is the latest phase. And now Morrisonites are

beginning to make anti-Beramite speeches in the country, - junior Walter, Stokes, etc - attacking Beram for being "a party with a party", etc. I don't see how Uzi is going to heal up. It's getting worse.

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Dalton 44 (41)

4/8/52 (5)

2 more 2 more persons. Bevan a little H.T. & especially
in the House last week. All this is the only
thing that may end up on visiting next time. The
Turks will run the show of our ~~discussions~~, in order
to cast our stones of their failures. Not a good
picture! But now in August there would be
much politics.

I must not finish my VOT I. I saw Paul Scott on
Saturday morning. He is wished to let Reynolds, of Mueller,
take first offer. But we shall do nothing till Sept.

This is the first August since 1939 that I have not
been a Minister of the Crown

1940	Minister of Econ. Warfare.
1941	"
1942	President Board of Trade
1943	"
1944	"
1945	Chairman of the Exchange
1946	"
1947	"
1948	Chairman of the Docks & Land Corp.
1949	"

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Darlow 44 (42)

4/8/52 (61)

1950. Ministry of Town & Country Planning
1951 Ministry of Local Govt & Planning

As 1939 wasn't a Peaceful Summer. And I had to run up to
London ^{for her} when the Motiv. R. H. H. P. Pact was announced.
As 1938 wasn't much better. So now, perhaps, R. & I
will have a Peaceful August & a change.

W.L. is now ^{more} like "like an economist's
conscience" I wrote to Lionel Robbins. I hope this will
hold, & not wash and blow off in the winter.

It is very appreciable now - though the windows &
railings want painting, but that must wait for a while.

It is the colour of white clouds, & so is almost
invisible against them. It just shades into the
clouds.

But now I hope for the next month I
shall have very little post-1931 politics!

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Speaking at the Fabian Summer School, Frensham Heights, Farnham, on Sunday, 24th August, 1952, the RT.HON.HUGH DALTON, M.P. said.

The only thing that could stop the Labour Party coming back with a big majority - a small one is no use - at the next election would be if a feeling got about the country that we were a divided party, with deep and irreconcilable personal differences.

Frank and free discussion of public issues, followed by democratic majority decisions, is wholly healthy. We have had that, in the National Executive and in the Parliamentary Labour Party, on German Rearmament. We shall have it on many other issues at Morecambe and again in Parliament. But persistent bad blood and personal rancours are unhealthy.

This Party and this Movement is greater than any one of us. We must all seek to be its faithful servants.

I intend to do my best to help to bridge differences and bring rival factions together. This is one of the most useful things that those of us who are over sixty can do. It is the under-fifties who have got to live and work together for another twenty or thirty years. They are a fine lot, that younger generation in the Labour Party, drawn from all sections of the nation, with a very wide variety of ability and knowledge and practical experience. But they must fight as one team, against our real opponents, not as two teams one against the other.

Our job is to change Britain into a Classless Society; just, ardent, prosperous and free. We took a long step forward between 1945 and 1951 - and the awakening in the war and the presence of Labour Ministers in the Wartime Government helped. But we are still only at the beginning of the social changes that will make Britain a Socialist Society. There must be another big heave towards Socialism under the next Labour Government - or what's a Labour Government for?

Some Socialists, as they grow older, settle down by the stern - mentally and spiritually, as well as physically. They gradually cease to believe in the possibility of more big changes in their lifetime. And they undervalue the greater energy and the new ideas of younger men. This form of creeping conservatism is very insidious and must be combated.

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August 1952

I wrote steadily at N.L. Between Aug 5th & Sept 5th I sent 14 instruments - some long, some short - written in my own hand & in red ink - to Peggy, (she returned 3 typed copies, keeping one.)

I got fed up by the end of his period. I only went away once, a long week end, including Fabian Sumner School at Freshwater Strijals. At which I made my one speech of the vacation, proposing peace with the Party and warning against Age.

And then I went to my constituency. And then, after a few days in London to

MORECAMBE.

This was the worst L.P. Confer. I had known & I hated it. Since 1926 - the year of the General Strike when I was first elected to the N.E. L.P. Chairman, Bob Williams, he mishandled the Confer. that he lost his seat.

And it was very cold, dark & windy at Morecambe, & the accommodation was very dismal & not very good.

Voting L.N.E. as usual on Monday (29/9/52). I made up my mind that I was off, but didn't discuss election with anyone. I saw the vote of myself & 6 young non-Beverites - H.G., Jim Callaghan, Alf Roberts, Tony Greenwood, Douglas Jay & George

Hardy. At 11 pm just as I was going to bed, Jim Callaghan ^{gives a distant bounding} rang up & he talks of N.E. elect. I said I thought I was off, & Wilson & H.G. etc. He said he thought this might well be.

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September 1952

He had not thought till 24 hours ago that I was in jeopardy, but he clearly thought he was. He'd put me the SE. Condiff vote, but not he expected to say Condiff-Bernoff. If I was to be succeeded by anyone, it couldn't be better than by H.G. (from my point of view). I said I was afraid & that anyhow I shouldn't break my heart as he knew if I was off. He said he did, but he hoped I'd not accept he irritated if beaten by Drake, etc. He said it was because he felt I was in danger that he'd ring me up. It shall mean, he thought, one's friends ought to ring one up and not keep away. I thank him with a gay laugh. He'd said he was at the same hotel as K. Young. Tony Pleaswood & other friends of mine. They were all keeping their fingers crossed for me.

(This was Monday; on Saturday night I'd met with, with Leslie & Margaret Hunter, to Manchester to do a Party Political broadcast. I'd said Party would come out of it "united & determined, after free & frank debate". Bad prospect!)

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Second day of Conf. AM had posthumous counting of votes for CLP. Sect to bill this morning, to avoid press leaks. No interest in any of other sect^l. Announcement early in morning session.

Great-Bernante victory. All then six can write much increased votes. HM & I both off. & H.G. next afternoon, with 100

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Dalton 44

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10/9/52

off today to constituency for 10 days.

I spent practically all August at W.L. writing "Action"

I made four papers, 210 chapters, etc. 12 are now written - subject to printing & proofing - I had 2, the most serious in the book, half written. I hope to finish & give us to publisher by mid October. Paul Scott's to find out what Jim Rogers is publishing. He did not adventure in Times lit stuff Autumn books, or nearly all other did.

It was wonderful being out of the dust at W.L. & not being a trustee - in time of "Action"! Please let of you all for Decent planning. Privately have going. Course pass, not found at Singapore!

End of July German rearmament debate. I had to walk a tight rope, but it led into the opposition to the all right.

Lots of Cohen elections; 2 more come. I made one speech at Fabian Summer School at Farnham Heath, saying we must all be friends. I am repeating the substance of this at Evesham Union track. Tony says my young friends don't really like this kind. Building time

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Dalton 44

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I said I thought it was done - just there (with printing)
too. He thought it might be. I said I thought Herbert
Kerrison (I would be defeated by Crossman & Wilson.
(I think it's in it - I think out!)

I sat up some nights at W.L. with the book till 5 am,
on whisky & oatmeal!

Ray Robinson is dead. Very quickly, within two months,
especially for him. He died at Ottawa where he was
Chairman of the (Commonwealth) Forestry Conference.
He caught pneumonia & was ill two days.
Only people very kind to him in some Canadian Forest (at his
wife in R.C.

He has been the great Practical Sociologist in all.
His work will literally live after him. I will give with
the year. I enjoyed immensely my Forest trips with
him - just before each of my 4 Badlands, (at other
times). I was very fond of him.

Today some of my Jan. letter to some Business. Afternoon
English Division's subjects to edit now appear, (and I should do the next
Party Political broadcast, on the eve of the 1953 election. It would

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Dalton 46 (48)

Followed Macmillan the week before. He would deal with
hearing, 20 Sept. 2 I was the last housing minister
he had. A.G. was concerned & deeply upset. W. H.
is in Canada. He had been invited to the house,
but hadn't known of it. "Well, suppose he's a majority"
said C.A. fairly. Prof. said to me afterwards
"Don't want to give any form of assurance. I don't
want him to hate it." It will be a
great struggle. That I was quite innocent &
unintentional. My last party political broadcast
was just for Christmas last year - on
Speaker Keenan. I said to C.A. "I shall
only talk about Home Care this time, but
I shall deal with some other subjects besides
housing." He was very affable.

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Dalton 46 (49)

25/9/52

Came back three days ago from (constituent) after 10 very proper days. Outside 2 hrs per address, not really important but T.A. is Sanchez friend & ineffective in dealing with them. I found T.A. & lead speaker to many parts ^{including hearing states} (roping in local committee). 2 indoor meetings only, for press. Spent some with at Middleton (Robert Ward & Ken Deary). Visit at Kewland House.

Several Clubs, & the increased number of the Broom Museum. N.E. election. Mr G.M. vote - 62 voting - 61 for me (one paper filled in by Bertram & Silverman) 47 Castle, 45 Bertram, the Museum, Guppiter, H.G. & hits all at 37 or 38. Of course E.C. Dittay & Milranda dropped, latter heavy. Not much in Shirewell. T.A. tells me that at County Bd - Peart moved vote of only 5 (4 Dittay & Bertram + Milranda) but this was defeated, 2 being voted from the list. Shirewell got no vote at all, in spite of fact that 3 or 4 delegates were there from the Division! I was on, & I was H.G. But Milranda was off and I was.

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Dalton 44 (50)

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H.R. is going to poll much better than I suspect
& will. Quite likely, get on. This is very good!

Mr Douglas Cecil Spence, rather nervous
Secretary told me I was on, but H.S.
got only 3 votes - & this pleased him.

Since Baker withdraws H.R. is on in place of
McKanda with 20 votes change.

H.R. & ^{again, 1 seat taken} others the last 2 places are left -
himself, me, H. Wilson & Crossman. ^{with vote}
General & Phil N.B. what vote. ^{the 1st 2 votes are missing} H.S. say
his CLP voted the same ticket as mine,
likewise without prompting. He stands H.S.;
in a dilemma when I vote next week again.
If he runs 2 Pauls free, he'll get on, but no
other B's will, except, perhaps, H. Wilson. That
then he can't go on attacking or leading to separate
front. If he doesn't run, he'll be there'll be poor
company with him among ordinary run of M.P.'s.

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Ballou 44 (51)

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striking distance. Votes on separate sheet. Last Bertramite list
620, HM 580, I 437, Hg. 330, no one else in mind
or 200. Jim next with 196, then last miserable Shinwell,
in spite of not his striking with reduced military service bond, 115.
* Tony received 143, A. Roberts only 92. The figures show
a tremendous concentration of the Bertramite vote; half vague
emotion, half Mikander's cunning organization. The results
were received with loud cheers from Bertramite elements,
said to include quite a large number of agents.

For me very incidentally, as Jim said last night it would
be, but much less with HM off too, then with me off
alone. Jim is a great brick. He comes up at the
lunch break and again at the end of his afternoon, and
comparisons me, at lunch with Tony's too, ^{in the afternoon}
he goes about for a drink at the midland. Lots of people
say they're so sorry, I evolve a standard reply. "I know
you're sorry (then) and" ^(with H. Morrison) "To Dick Lamma, meeting him in
his lounge at the midland (I offer congratulations, I say "You'll
find it awfully boring". He says it wasn't me he wanted to
put off! Dawson D writes me a nice letter - "Very brave &
braveful all my heart to stand, against my earlier indications."

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Darlow 46 (52)

G. Bing says he voted 6 B's + me, but few others he says
I have done that. (1 vote D.D. 8.7). 6 + Jim ^{with} ^{me} ^{was} ^{the} ^{safe}
Newman vote. - most likely to let them 6 on - except when
very much for 6 only, or, in some cases, 5 only.

I recalled the words I fell in love with long ago, in
Charles Montagu's Preface to his Period of Change.

"I have seen so many sunsets, so many radiant dawns. This
man has failed & has when he succeeded, and has been
clean tired of it all. But 'how right have I to pick' as Proust
asked, 'how have not learned to wonder?'"

On 11th Nov. 1952, under a speech, writing up a Fading
U-Fall, some received a great notice at the end.
Rather nauseating, I think, after his morning vote but
mostly in doubt, from Trade Union delegates, some of which is
CLP Sect. 1 from them in that section who did vote
me. This speech is much written up in the Press, &
it is suggested that he should now become leader if there
C.N.T. now plays a very passive part in the party. (How
could he have done? Hardly believe that or implied that
vote for N.E. was wrong!) I did not think it was really a very
poor speech. Part of it was regarding the Labour Party
revising the Charter.

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Dalton 44 (53)

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51ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MORECAMBE, 1952

RESULT OF BALLOT FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

DIVISION I - Trade Unions
(Twelve Members)

BURKE, W.A.	4,852,000
WATSON, S.	4,833,000
GOOCH, E.G.	4,823,000
EARNSHAW, H.	4,815,000
FRANKLIN, H.W.	4,783,000
HEWITSON, M.	4,713,000
KNIGHT, P.	4,708,000
DOUGLASS, H.	4,634,000
TIFFIN, A.E.	4,206,000
WEBBER, W.J.P.	4,197,000
IRWIN, E.	3,396,000
BRINHAM, G.I.	2,074,000

Not elected

HUTCHINSON, W.	2,011,000
CASASOLA, R.W.	775,000
ELVIN, G.H.	586,000
CORNES, G.	459,000
MORGAN, G.H.	196,000
PATTERSON, E.	134,000

DIVISION II - Socialist,
Co-operative, and Professional
Organisations.
(One Member)

REEVES, J. Unopposed.

DIVISION III - Constituency
and Central Labour Parties and
Federations of Labour Parties.
(Seven Members)

BEVAN, A.	965,000
CASTLE, MRS. B.	868,000
DRIBERG, T.	744,000
GRIFFITHS, J.	700,000
WILSON, H.	632,000
MIKARDO, I.	630,000
CROSSMAN, R.H.S.	620,000

Not elected

MORRISON, H.	584,000
DALTON, H.	437,000
GAITSKELL, H.	330,000
CALLAGHAN, J.	196,000
SHINWELL, E.	146,000
GREENWOOD, A.	141,000
BRADDOCK, MRS. E.M.	130,000
SILVERMAN, S.	129,000
NOEL-BAKER, P.J.	118,000
ROBENS, A.	92,000
STRACHEY, J.	59,000
LAWRENCE, J.	45,000
STARK-MURRAY, D.	44,000
JAY, D.	36,000
LINDGREN, G.S.	31,000
STEWART, M.	30,000
BOLTON, MISS E.	11,000
ELLIOTT, W.C.	9,000
WISE, LORD	6,000
THOMAS, MRS. J.	5,000

DIVISION IV - Women Members
(Five Members)

HERBISON, MISS M.	5,993,000
SUMMERSKILL, DR. E.	5,597,000
BACON, MISS A.	5,554,000
HORAN, MISS A.B.	3,843,000
WHITE, MRS. E.	3,695,000

Not elected

MANN, MRS. J.	2,806,000
MARTIN, MRS. E.	1,418,000
CORBET, MRS. F.	1,069,000

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE
(Five Members)

HAWORTH, J.	5,500,000
STODDART, H.	4,767,000
TRAVESS, R.J.	4,644,000
CRANE, H.	4,472,000
COLLINDRIDGE, F.	4,373,000

Not elected

BING, G.	1,736,000
GARDNER, B.	1,299,000
DAVIES, H.	680,000
HILL, J.C.	446,000
SCHOFIELD, C.	397,000
POOLE, L.	375,000
MESSER, E.	354,000
COLVIN, T.	283,000
CUSACK, J.J.	225,000
CLOHESY, D.	187,000
PRESTON, W.	149,000

TREASURER

GREENWOOD, A. Unopposed

AUDITORS

(Two required)

Doodson, C.W.) Unopposed
Hall, E.)

DIARY

Dalton 44 (54)

1/10/52

Third Day of leave.

I moved on behalf of outgoing N.E. to Lakeview Forest Party
I got an especially receipt on riding. I thanked them
to them said "I have a very good innings in the month
of the N.E., & a very long innings - though difficult
years, pre-war was to post-war - ... So far as I
am concerned, that long chapter is now closed."

Had then a C.O.D. misunderstanding explanation.

Orville Hay was I consoled with one another. Now did I
compare with my wife except Dick. I would have spoken

a nice word to Barbara if I'd run into her. Now I

did not. Frigidity now, wife continues brooding for the
5.50, 6.15 many days. Decker is rather very provocative.

I went off fairly early on the Friday, before the rush hour
Special Train. I am very pleased about the Party. We

in interest had to staying interests since 1931 - and then our
section left the Party, but now everyone is staying on. The

for our tearing each other to pieces in public & in private. The
Tories may take a pinch one just after the Convention, and
win. I don't see clearly the shape of the near future. It

depends on how many members, that of all in personal
confidence & is emotional approval to "Colony".
- a "consolidation".

DIARY.

Dalton 44 (55)

14/10/52

7th C meets again. Paul & Uke, by a majority, vote C.K.A. not to see Nye. It would give him too much importance, & he would not respect confidence. I think to be raised a party must work. They seem most anxious to think they can win. Separate party ^{into 2 parts} E.H. J. Standish. Tribune, H.G. Linton, should be taken over. This is very wild.

Interesting talk with George Brown. He thinks the Committee could let 3 or 4 candidates if they can know on the P.C. "Keep Calm" group - Strachey, Strickland etc - be unity at all costs. G.B. Linton has now J.G. is probable successor to C.K.A. H.G., he thinks, is content if it were C.K.A. is impressive anyway. I say he very glad to hear G.B. say so. He says the trouble about H.G. is that he's too arrogant. He wants to try it. Seeking leadership for everybody & for each.

G.B. wants me to be a centre for young people. He wants an effective party. He says dealing with them etc are inclined to think I'm not taking my responsibility; they are now pressing H.G. for whom they've come little in the past. G.B. wants me to commit myself to be against H.G. He thinks I contributed a bit to my

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Dalton 66

(58)

14/10/52(2)

Defeat at Morecambe by my self - detachment. He says I'm not so old as I think. This next year I shall make up my mind to play an important part.

(It doesn't make much to me now what Deakin & L. Evans think. Deakin will surely die. I'm

not spending much time on "movement in the country". Now I restrict myself to being

reasonably friendly - & writing it all in P.L.P.

G. B. was busy on P.C. elections. He said, after

first declaration, that he's got me some votes, but that it's hard to see anything coming. I said "Go

Get Shuzell off on record now." He said, rather mysteriously, "Don't say that come on. We must concentrate on one thing at a time." He

meant Reeling A.B. off. (He failed in that.)

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Dalton 44 (57)

24-28/10/52

Long week end at W.L., trying to finish Ch XII of the Book. Haven't quite done it. Still got a cold from Morecombe. Did a good sweep with a net on site of my future plantation.

Gloom and boredom over Party news.

Last week, 23rd, we carried by 188 to 51 at a Party meeting & resolution, approving Ulan's speech, which was better & livelier than usual, calling on Bertram to disband, & on all to leave attacking each other in Press & speech.

But nothing is getting better. More hatred, & more love of hatred, to our Party than I ever remember. Mye's defects of character, & of character, are proving on him. Arrogance, conceit, personal animosity, - & his entrance off him on. Mrs Milner & I are trying to understand 202 - Bertram's M.P. 7 in the Constitution.

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Dalhousie 44

3/11/52 (Mon)

(88)

We must put it off. In fact it is
possible. But since we have not yet
will do on the 19. night. This must
be done then.

Read in this morning D.H. that Brennan will stand against
Morrison & Deputy Leader this week. He will, of course, be
easily beaten in a straight fight. But what a miserable
choice! I wish Jim Griffiths, remembering past talks,
to send him on to another he would see. Not
home. I'm afraid he won't. Since there could
be some will be a concentration of votes with support behind him.
But I'll try to see J.G. later today.

Last week-end at Halifax & Brunswick - some
Fabian Group - long discussion, Sr. Kardon rather
more than half the time, & T. Baskin more than half
the rest.

Could not see J.G. as he was speaking at eve of poll
in Wycombe Co. election.

4/11/52.

Saw J.G. I said it was, I don't say, rather late to
him to intervene. That if anything happened to CRT, many
would think him, rather than the man who has, the last
leader. He said it was not late now. We should
bring back the course. But he has passed CRT to
Joan & had passed it. She had been frightened by
dealing with the situation & wanted clear & for Joan to
handle. I said we had rapidly deteriorated & that we could
not do it. He said he would talk to the group.

DIARY.

Dalton 44

(59)

11/11/52

Contest of Deputy Leadership.

H. Morrison 194; A. Beran 82.

The latter vote is large. I think it might be 100. Much of it is a demonstration vote against O.T. Leadership, C.K. as much as H.M. Some is just anti-

H.M. myself abstracted.

This, I think, is a clear pointer to Jim Griffiths, as C.K.'s successor. He has just been elected Chairman of Policy Sub Com. of N.E. (strongly 11 votes against 2 of Nye - Wilson & Mikardo.)

Now would be a scramble for Parliamentary Ctee. I suppose I must stand. I'm a fully

allergic. I'm much more interested in writing my life & revising my P.F. The hatreds

in this Labour Party are so hateful & so harmful that one would almost prefer not to be

here.

Last week, and was much more agreeable. Friday
after getting to C.V. late last. They said it was very
friendly. He had apparently lectured them, & said
beforehand that he would not mention them.

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Dalton 44

(60)

11/11/52 (2)

Differences in Urban Park. Brian Mel Smith - new
roomer ^{shy} rather young & a little pink-faced & spots
complexion, but when I still definitely like,
I have liked having a day & a night on my initiative
at Newton Hall. I was treated nicely & kindly
Catherine W. again on my initiative - tells
me that my only "Mack" was when I passed
Quacunda over coffee on a walk in New County
to the Pacific. All these young men are very
much against racial & ethnic prejudice - all
mixed marriage & intermarriage & a few
take emerging.

Spent Friday night with de Freitas' in Cambridge
Road Sat & Sun with Waldman, Mitchell & friends
(Jesuit & Dominica) & Urban (Jack Decker
& Hapton Smith.) Their house is very warm
& comfortable & there is good food & drink. Looking
de F. has a curious cold nose. Barking
but some nice small dogs now with two bigger
Urban their parents, very warm and cozy.
Lillian was there.

DIARY.

13/11/52

Dalton 44

(61)

9/11/52 -
Voting first round for P.C. very
suspicious. J.G., Connel, L.S. & young
Deputy Wilson in Rep. arranged
deal about most seats. Sibillant or Taylor!

D.D. says that the B Group really is breaking up.
The Tribune women is now on its own, unworkably
the rest. Mye is anti-Bantona. Ted is Kenilly
difficult about everything. J.F. Bantona is taking
for much better than. L is very strained. J.F.

has been very intransigent against Mye or any of
the B-iters standing for the P.C. One Keep
Calmer tried to do a deal. They sent Paper
to suggest to the B-iters a common ticket
8 or 9 B-iters + 3 or 4 Keep Calmer. This
was contemptuously refused.

J.F. would like to edit the N.S. Dick
says that K.M. would like J.F. to succeed him,
but that the Board will appoint him (Dick) &
not J.F.

15/16/11/52. Delightful well on at 01/00 w-z-l-a-l Dots

P.C. Election. Ptz Mtg carried by 94 to 52 CRK;
personal support of a second ballot. (I was on Duty on
the beach; do not at Ptz mtg.) Now the B-iters say maybe
all withdraw. (Puz D.D.!) ^{all} sitting now in smoke
near the Skans & Skans.

DIARY.

Dalton 44

(62)

27/11/52

Vol I is finished. Peggy left it at Reynolds' office today. It has for straight with Gallego near. I promised it by the end of Nov. I have done it in eleven months - pretty fast, considering the preoccupation.

Latest title, suggested by Reynolds.
"Call Ball Yesterday."

(Review II). Best so far. People seem to like it.

Parliamentary election returns - triumph.

I am elected in top six in first round.

Jan. 1953. Centre left. 1st. A. R. King, H. D. &

John Callaghan in that order. (Full why attached.) Will be the skin of his teeth. No

change in first 12, even after eliminating top 6 and

taken 34. No other Beranika. I'm sure they

will be the same. I'm sure they

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Dalton 44 (63)

27/11/52 (2)

not too bad. I sent I regarded H. Wilson's Defeat on
Reparation of Morecaute.

Long & affectionate talk with Nye. He drove
me home after all night sitting. I told him not
to believe what some of his followers said to him.
He & I had been together on winning sites before -
Cabr & N.E. - & would be again. He said he
& I had always got on very well when I was in
E. I said I had backed him & noticed it all
since, when it was only Manifold. He
was had paper on some site on New Street. He
spoke ill of C.H.T., I then said he despised
Robson. I pointed him to the paper. He said he knew
how I felt about it; so would it be done.

For the moment there's a chance of mending
the roads, I hope.

DIARY

Dalton 44 (69)

29/11/52 (Sat)

Tea with Tony & Hilary at their flat at 61 Queen's
Gate

Dine with Bob & Betty & Petalind (2nd & 3rd,
Healthy looking girl, large (short sight) at their
flat in Hampden.

30/11/52

Dine with Mike & his two friends in Vanda's
flat. Great social week end - with my two literary
executors & my introduction to Raymond Chandler.

(R is my wife Barbara Hammons.)

Had now my thoughts turned to Christmas
in Israel & a few days in Cyprus

2/12/52

Go to hear I.T.S. gave final Fabian lecture. Very clear
and sensible, largely on Anglo-American relations. In Part II he
covered the historical context. Shimmell & Nixon's support for
I.T.S. said by I.T.S. to have been violently opposed.

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Dalton 446 (65)

3/14/52

X/2. N.K. referring to Mead... Against Derwent, in "Monday notes" now; letter have unjust cuts. We had decided on some new members - Roy already present.

Robin Mead to be approved by H.G.; also that to be visited by me to talk to X/2, & will see whether he'll do; Richard Kahn to be approved by N.K.

N.K. very busy now, when he replies, so long again that people are looking at their watches & shuffling. I say "saddening" every everyone wants to go. So N.K. shuts up. It is 11.15.

S. Harrison private papers & public work
ed.; history & more letters in progress

5/14/52

electorate was C.P. delegates
Tribune has silly article Thoreau in Reverse

on P.C. election. I think they planned this when they left NYC and he off in second round. They would have had something to say about it now and make.

about me. I've undertaken to write a short review for Tribune on Taylor's new book Remembrance of Wars. But with this lack of this month making.