CONCLUSIONS of a Meeting of the Cabinet held at 10 Downing Street, S.W.1, on Thursday, 15th December, 1949, at 9:45 a.m.

Present:

The Right Hon. C. R. Attlee, M.P., Prime Minister (in the Chair).
The Right Hon. Ernest Bevin, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
The Right Hon. A. V. Alexander, M.P., Minister of Defence.
The Right Hon. Viscount Addison, Lord Privy Seal.
The Right Hon. J. Chuter Ede, M.P., Secretary of State for the Home Department.
The Right Hon. T. Williams, M.P., Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.
The Right Hon. J. H. Wilson, M.P., President of the Board of Trade.

The following were also present:
The Right Hon. Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty (Item 1).
The Right Hon. H. T. N. Gaitskell, M.P., Minister of Fuel and Power (Items 2 and 5).
The Right Hon. C. W. Key, M.P., Minister of Works (Item 7).
The Right Hon. William Whiteley, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury (Item 7).
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of Northcape, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff (Item 1).
The Right Hon. E. Shinwell, M.P., Secretary of State for War (Item 1).
The Right Hon. G. R. Strauss, M.P., Minister of Supply (Item 5).
The Right Hon. Wilfrid Paling, M.P., Postmaster-General (Item 4).
Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, Chief of the Air Staff (Item 1).
Major-General H. Redman, War Office (Item 1).

Secretariat:
Sir Norman Brook.
Air Marshal Sir William Elliot.
Mr. A. Johnston.
Mr. S. E. V. Luke.

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1. The Cabinet considered a memorandum by the Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 245) reporting the recommendations of the Defence Committee on the Defence Estimates for 1950-51.

The Prime Minister said that the Defence Committee had given prolonged consideration to the size and shape of the Armed Forces over the next few years and had decided to recommend that the provision for defence in the 1950-51 Estimates should amount to £780 million. They had agreed upon this figure on the understanding that, if it were shown to be insufficient to meet the expenditure on essential equipment which the Defence Committee might thereafter decide to be necessary for the Services, the balance should be met by supplementary estimates. Substantial sums would now have to be spent on re-equipment, partly because of obligations undertaken in connection with Western Union and the Atlantic Pact and partly because war stocks were becoming exhausted. There was also a marked fall in the appropriations-in-aid derived from the sale of surplus stores. Substantial economies in the administration of the three Services had been approved and the proposals now before the Cabinet assumed that these economies were carried into effect.

The Minister of Defence pointed out that, as a result of the long and careful scrutiny of defence expenditure in the last few months, he was satisfied that the Services were organised on as economical a basis as could be devised, in view of the heavy responsibilities which they had to bear. The restriction of defence expenditure to £780 million in 1950-51 meant that grave risks would have to be accepted.

In discussion attention was drawn to the fact that under the plans proposed in C.P. (49) 245 the Air Force would be small in relation to the vital task which it would have to perform on the outbreak of any war and, in particular, that it had been found necessary, in order to preserve a greater first line, to economise in its reserves. The defence of the United Kingdom against air attack was a most important defence commitment and one on which no direct assistance was likely to be provided by Allied forces. Would it not be possible, within the same total of expenditure, to increase the reserves of the fighter force at the expense of some less vital service? In reply it was pointed out that the proposals in C.P. (49) 245 were deliberately aimed at doubling the first-line fighter strength, and making some increase in first-line bomber strength, at the expense of the reserves of aircraft. From the point of view of preventing war, a larger front-line strength was more effective than a balanced supply of reserves. From the point of view of preparedness for war, it should be borne in mind that it took longer to train air crews and ground staff than to provide additional aircraft. Moreover, the cost of aircraft had greatly increased since the war and types tended to become obsolescent quickly. There was, therefore, advantage in expanding training facilities, while recognising that reserves of aircraft would have to be augmented at short notice when a warning was received that hostilities might be expected in the near future.

It was the view of the Cabinet that the strength of the fighter force in this country should be kept under constant review.

There was general agreement that in present circumstances high priority must be given to the provision and maintenance of forces stationed throughout the world for the purpose of deterring a potential aggressor. This necessarily meant that larger numbers of men were required in the Army than would have been the case if the sole aim of policy was to secure an integrated fighting force of all three arms for active hostilities.

In regard to the ultimate threat of war, it was pointed out that the potential enemy had at his disposal formidable land and air forces and that the naval threat was serious, particularly from
submarines and mines. In this connection, the Chief of the Air Staff
drew attention to the fact that the plan in C.P. (49) 245 assumed a
warning period before hostilities began, during which an accelerated
production of warlike stores could be undertaken. He estimated that
in present circumstances this period should be not less than eighteen
months. This would run from the time when political indications
appeared that a state of increased international tension was
developing.

The plan now before the Cabinet took full account of the
assistance which other signatories to the Brussels Treaty and
Atlantic Pact could provide in the event of war. It was difficult to
make any precise comparison between expenditure on defence by this
country and by the other signatories to the Brussels Treaty and
Atlantic Pact. On a per capita basis the defence expenditure of
the United States Government was considerably higher than our
own: it was difficult to find comparable figures in terms of national
income. Certain countries in Western Europe, notably Belgium,
were spending very much less on defence than this country, though
the expenditure by France and some other European countries was
increasing.

The general survey in C.P. (49) 245 would be of value to the
Foreign Minister in discussing at the Colombo Conference what
contribution other members of the Commonwealth might make to
Commonwealth defence.

As regards the effects of the proposals in C.P. (49) 245 on civil
defence preparations, it was the general view of the Cabinet that it
was undesirable at present that overt action on a large scale should
be undertaken in the field of civil defence, since this might create a
misleading impression at the present stage of the defence negotia-
tions with other countries in Western Europe. The state of civil
defence preparations would, however, have to be kept under constant
examination in relation to developments in the field of active defence.

The Cabinet—

(1) Agreed that the provision for defence in the 1950-51
Estimates should amount to £780 million, on the under-
standing that, if this amount was shown to be
insufficient to meet the expenditure on essential equip-
ment which the Defence Committee might thereafter
agree to be necessary for the Services, the necessary
balance would be met by way of supplementary estimates.
No work should, however, be undertaken which would
require finance by supplementary estimate, without the
prior approval of the Defence Committee.

(2) Took note of the general strategic conception on which the
provision for defence would be based, as outlined by the
Chiefs of Staff in Annex C of C.P. (49) 245, but
expressed the view that the strength of the fighter defence
of the United Kingdom should be kept under close
examination.

(3) Invited the Minister of Defence to bring forward
on some
future occasion his proposal for a three-year defence
budget.

(4) Agreed that, for security reasons, all copies of C.P. (49) 245
and the corresponding Defence Committee documents
should be returned to the Secretary of the Cabinet.

2. The Cabinet were informed that the men on strike at the
power stations at Brimsdown, Barking and Taylor's Lane were
going back to work later that day and that there would be an orderly
handing over of work from the troops to civilian workers. It was
believed that the men on strike elsewhere would also return to work
and there could therefore be a general withdrawal of the troops from
power stations. A number of naval ratings had been brought to
Woolwich in case of trouble at Battersea, Deptford or Fulham power stations and it was proposed to hold these men for the rest of the day, but thereafter to release them if the trouble seemed at an end.

The Prime Minister said that, while the responsibility for instituting any prosecutions under the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, rested with the Attorney-General, it would assist the Attorney in reaching a decision if he could be informed whether further trouble among electricity supply workers was likely to be caused by the initiation of prosecutions against some of the present strikers.

The Minister of Labour said that, as this Act had never previously been invoked, he thought its use might have undesirable repercussions.

The Cabinet were informed that the British Electricity Authority had been anxious that prosecutions should be initiated and material had been collected in respect of three of the ring-leaders, but the view of the Authority would change if the strike ended.

The Attorney-General said that as the strike had now ended he would not propose to institute any proceedings under the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875.

The Cabinet then considered whether civil actions for damages should be brought against the strikers by the British Electricity Authority. They were informed that the Chairman of the Authority had been disinclined to take civil proceedings, on the ground that the numbers involved were too great; but it was pointed out that in the past equally large numbers of coal-miners had been penalised for breach of contract. The procedure had been to take a few cases to the county court and to make corresponding deductions from pay in respect of all who had broken their contract. It would be difficult to continue to use this procedure in the coal-mining industry if it were not applied in flagrant cases elsewhere, such as the present electricity strike. The procedure brought home to the rank and file the folly of having broken their engagements at the behest of unofficial leaders. If civil action was not taken, the temporary humiliation which the ring-leaders suffered through the failure of the strike would soon be forgotten and further trouble might ensue. While the present strike seemed to have been broken, there might well be further trouble in the future since the political forces which were at the root of the present strike would continue to operate. The view was expressed that, if the British Electricity Authority did not wish to take civil proceedings for breach of contract because the strike had been broken promptly and proceedings might savour of victimisation, they should at least announce their intention to take civil proceedings for any future breaches of contract and should post notices to that effect in power stations.

The Minister of Fuel and Power said that he proposed to examine with the Chairman of the British Electricity Authority the efficacy of the arrangements for maintaining electricity supplies which had been made during the present strike. These had been reasonably successful, but he thought they could be improved upon.

The Minister of Fuel and Power said that in his further discussions with the Chairman of the British Electricity Authority he would bear in mind the views which had been expressed in the Cabinet's discussion.
3. The Cabinet considered a memorandum by the Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 248) inviting them to decide in principle to accord *de jure* recognition to the Communist Government of China at an early date.

The Foreign Secretary said that for the reasons indicated in his paper the interests of the United Kingdom Government would be best served by according early recognition to the Communist Government of China. He had done his best to ensure that a common policy would be followed in this matter by all Governments friendly to this country; and, although it was now clear that the United States Government would not follow this lead, he had good reason to believe that a large number of other friendly Governments would be willing to accord recognition in the near future. He had at one time hoped that it would be possible to delay this decision until there had been an opportunity for discussion with other Commonwealth Governments at the Commonwealth meeting on Foreign Affairs which was to open at Colombo on 9th January; but the Government of India, in particular, were anxious to accord recognition before the end of the year and he now thought it would be wiser if the United Kingdom Government also chose a date towards the end of the current month. He did not wish to act much before then, since the Netherlands Government were anxious not to accord this recognition until after their transfer of power in Indonesia. He thereafter recommended that recognition should be accorded during the course of the next three or four weeks, and asked that the Cabinet should leave him discretion to determine the precise date.

In discussion the following points were raised:

(a) The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations said that the Government of India would probably accord recognition well before the end of the current month, but would understand our reasons for delaying our own recognition until a slightly later date. The Governments of Canada, Pakistan and Ceylon were prepared to accord recognition, and would probably be willing to do so on any early date which might be proposed by the United Kingdom Government. The South African Government, though realising that recognition was inevitable, did not wish to be among the first batch of countries to accord it. The views of the new Governments of Australia and New Zealand were not known; but they would probably have preferred that there should be an opportunity for discussion at the Colombo Conference before recognition was accorded.

(b) From the point of view of Colonial Governments it would be preferable that recognition should be delayed until about 29th December, so that effective arrangements for local publicity could be made.

(c) It would not be necessary to acknowledge the *de facto* control which the Nationalists still exercised over Formosa. For in law Formosa was still part of Japan; and our attitude towards the authorities controlling it could properly be reserved until the question of sovereignty over Formosa was finally determined in the Japanese peace settlement.

(d) The Home Secretary said that it was proposed that the present Chinese Ambassador in London and certain members of his staff should be allowed to continue to reside in this country if they wished to do so. Most of the Chinese temporarily resident in the United Kingdom could return to China without risk of hardship; but there would be a few who might have to be allowed to remain here because their lives would be in danger if they returned to China.

(e) It would be convenient if the Foreign Office could ascertain for how long the Communist Government of China would continue to recognise passports and other travel documents issued by the previous Government.
The Cabinet—

(1) Agreed that the United Kingdom Government should accord *de jure* recognition to the Communist Government of China at an early date, and authorised the Foreign Secretary to determine the precise date on which such recognition should be accorded.

(2) Invited the Foreign Secretary to arrange for the Governments of the other members of the Commonwealth and of friendly foreign Powers (including the United States) to be informed of this decision and of the date on which recognition was to be accorded, and to endeavour to secure that as many as possible of them should recognise the new Chinese Government on or about the same date.

4. The Cabinet considered a memorandum by the Postmaster-General (C.P. (49) 241 (Revise)) on the recognition of staff associations in the Post Office.

The Postmaster-General said that claims for recognition had recently been submitted by four breakaway associations in the Post Office. It had for many years been the Departmental practice to regard about 40 per cent. membership of the organised staff of a grade or grades as a requirement for the consideration of claims to recognition, but no precise definition of policy on the subject had been laid down until 1946. Since then the so-called "Listowel formula" had obtained general currency and was widely interpreted as automatically entitling an association to official recognition as soon as it could establish that it comprised 40 per cent. of the grade or grades which it represented. The two largest recognised associations, the Union of Post Office Workers and the Post Office Engineering Union, had, however, challenged the existing basis of recognition on the ground that it encouraged the growth of breakaway bodies, and recognition of the new associations on that basis would undoubtedly provoke great resentment. The consequences of this situation might well be serious, since it was essential to retain the goodwill and co-operation of the existing associations both in securing increased productivity and in the field of staff relations generally. In these circumstances, he recommended that Post Office policy on the recognition of new associations should now be restated in the terms set out in Appendix E to C.P. (49) 241 (Revise), and that the new criteria should be applied currently to all associations not now recognised, whether or not they had already fulfilled the numerical requirements of the Listowel formula. He would propose to afford the Staff Sides of the National and Departmental Whitley Councils an opportunity to comment on the revised policy.

The Cabinet—

Approved the recommendations made in paragraphs 9 and 10 of C.P. (49) 241 (Revise).

5. The Cabinet had before them a note by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (C.P. (49) 247) covering a report on the economic situation.

In discussion the Chancellor of the Exchequer gave the Cabinet detailed information of recent changes in the United Kingdom holdings of gold and dollars.

The Cabinet—

Took note of C.P. (49) 247 and of the statement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
6. The Cabinet considered a memorandum by the Secretary of State for Scotland (C.P. (49) 251) on the campaign in Scotland for legislative and administrative devolution.

The Secretary of State for Scotland said that the Scottish Convention had been successful in attracting some support for its proposal that there should be a measure of legislative devolution to a Scottish Parliament, and both the Liberal and Communist Parties were officially associated with it. The Conservative Party had rejected the proposal for a separate Parliament, but were likely to press strongly for administrative devolution. The Labour Party in Scotland had at one time pledged its support for legislative devolution, but recent Conferences of the Party had agreed that the policy laid down in the White Paper on Scottish Affairs (Cmd. 7308) should be given a fair trial. He himself considered that the time was not opportune for raising the question of Scottish Home Rule, and that the machinery established in pursuance of the White Paper policy should ensure that Scottish needs and interests were taken fully into account by Government and Parliament. He had resisted demands for an enquiry into the financial and economic relations between Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom on the ground that the available information was already published and that such an investigation would involve a wasteful diversion of effort.

The Cabinet—

Endorsed the policy outlined in C.P. (49) 251.

7. The Cabinet’s attention was drawn to a difficulty which had arisen between the two Houses of Parliament over an amendment to the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill.

In the House of Lords on 13th December the Government had accepted an amendment moved by Viscount Simon which was designed to ensure that the Buxton memorial fountain should be re-erected in the Square unless it were agreed by resolution of both Houses that it should be set up on another site. The Minister of Works had subsequently been advised that on a matter of this kind it would be more in accordance with modern practice under the Statutory Instruments Act to leave the views of Parliament to be expressed by way of negative resolution rather than require the Government to obtain an affirmative resolution from each House. When, therefore, the Lords’ amendment came before the Commons on 14th December he had moved an amendment which had the effect of substituting the negative for the affirmative resolution procedure. The Conservative Opposition in the Commons had protested against the Minister’s action in rejecting one day what the Government had accepted in the Lords on the previous day, but the amendment had been carried. Further protests had now been made by Viscount Simon, who charged the Government with breach of faith and indicated his intention of insisting upon his original amendment. It was clear that, if he did so, the Bill would be lost.

In discussion the Cabinet recognised that on merits the procedure of negative resolution was more appropriate for a matter of this kind. But the alternative procedure of affirmative resolution had been accepted in the Lords as the price to be paid for securing the passage of the Bill before the end of the Session. The Cabinet were assured that the Opposition in the Lords would not insist upon their other amendment (about the encroachment of the carriage-way upon the Canning enclosure) which the Commons had rejected; and the only issue which need now prevent the passage of the Bill was that arising from the misunderstanding about the amendment relating to the Buxton memorial fountain. Ministers felt that it would be most unfortunate if the Bill were lost solely on this account. They appreciated the awkwardness of inviting their supporters in
the Commons to reverse a decision which they had taken on the previous day; but they considered that on balance this was the lesser of the two evils.

The Cabinet—
Agreed that the Government should give effect to the substance of the undertakings given by the Government spokesman in accepting on 13th December the amendment moved by Viscount Simon, on the Committee Stage of the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill, relating to the Buxton memorial fountain; and invited the Lord Privy Seal to arrange for Viscount Simon to be consulted regarding the most convenient means of giving effect to this decision.

_Cabinet Office, S.W. 1,
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and, eventually, of results of discussion. His Majesty's Ambassador at Nanking to
withdraw when set up of Communist Government imminent, friendly Powers being
notified. 54 (49) 1.
Chinese Communist Government: Recognition of—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 214) considered. Timing to await results of
consultation with other Commonwealth Governments, United States Government
and other friendly Powers and report of Singapore Conference of His Majesty's
Representatives in the Far East. 62 (49) 7.
CHINA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA (continued)

Chinese Communist Government: Recognition of— (continued)

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 248) considered. *De jure* recognition to be accorded; date to be decided by Foreign Secretary. Foreign Secretary to endeavour to secure similar action by Governments of other Commonwealth countries and of United States and other friendly foreign Powers. 72 (49) 3.

Hong Kong—

Secretary of State for Colonies to consider action to lessen Communist activities in Hong Kong. 18 (49) 2.

Defence Committee's decision about reinforcements endorsed; terms of announcement to be settled by Foreign Secretary. Secretary of State for War and Minister of State for Colonial Affairs. 30 (49) 4.

Note by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 100) covering appreciation by Chiefs of Staff of the extent of the threat to Hong Kong and forces required to meet it considered. Despatch of brigade group to be expedited; fighter squadron to be augmented; Chiefs of Staff to report from time to time; Minister of Defence to give House of Commons some indication of nature of reinforcements. 52 (49) 2.

Commonwealth Governments to be asked whether they would assist in defence of Hong Kong, and Prime Minister to arrange for Question on this subject to be withdrawn from Order Paper. Scope of forthcoming discussions with Commissioner-General for South-East Asia and Commanders-in-Chief of the Land and Air Forces in the Far East to be settled by Foreign Secretary and Minister of Defence. Secretary of State for the Colonies (a) to enquire into infiltration of Chinese Communists from Malaya; (b) to circulate factual appreciation of present situation. 33 (49) 2.

Memoranda by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 119) Minister of Defence (C.P. (49) 118) and Secretary of State for Colonies (C.P. (49) 120) considered. (i) Proposal to send further reinforcements described in C.P. (49) 118 agreed subject to further consideration of two points by Defence Committee; (ii) no public announcement to be made; (iii) Governments of other Commonwealth countries and of United States to be informed of decision and asked if they would support a policy of defending Hong Kong against aggression by Communist forces and, if need be, state so publicly; (iv) final decisions on policy and timing of any announcement to be taken in light of (iii). 38 (49) 3.

Memoranda by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 134) on his visit to Hong Kong, by Secretary of State for Colonies (C.P. (49) 135) commenting on questions raised by United States Secretary of State, and by Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations (C.P. (49) 136) summarising reactions of Commonwealth Governments considered. Fresh appreciation of situation to be prepared for Australian Government; no reply to be sent to United States Secretary of State for time being; proposals on long-term policy to be submitted to China and South-East Asia Committee. 42 (49) 5.

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for Colonies (C.P. (49) 177) on long-term policy considered. Interim policy agreed; question of international control to be considered and, if practicable, to be discussed informally with United States Secretary of State. 54 (49) 2.

Memorandum by Lord Privy Seal on considered reply from Canadian Government to United Kingdom notification of intention to reinforce Hong Kong.—C.P. (49) 202.

Protection of British Shipping—

Memorandum by First Lord of the Admiralty (C.P. (49) 133) considered. In view of recent attacks on S.S. Anchises instructions to British warships about assisting British or other neutral merchant vessels to be considered by Departments concerned. 42 (49) 6.

British merchant vessels to be escorted by warships past blockade into Shanghai if such action could be established as legal. 54 (49) 1.

Shelling of H.M.S. Amethyst—

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and First Lord of the Admiralty (C.P. (49) 93) considered. Draft Parliamentary statement approved subject to some amendment. 28 (49).

Negotiations for release of H.M.S. Amethyst discussed. 42 (49) 7.

CHORLEY REPORT

See Civil Servants: Salaries.

CIVIL AVIATION

Enquiry into Accident at Prestwick—

Prime Minister to discuss future handling of situation with Minister of Civil Aviation. 68 (49) 2.

Procedure for Ordering Civil Aircraft for the Airways Corporations—

Memorandum by Prime Minister.—C.P. (49) 6.

CIVIL ESTIMATES

Statements on supplementary estimates for National Health Service, Food and Colonies noted. 12 (49) 3.

CIVIL SERVANTS

Industrial Disputes—

Memorandum by Home Secretary (C.P. (49) 143) considered. Civil Servants to be expected to undertake work different from, though analogous to, their usual work in order to maintain essential services. In event of railway strike Postmaster-General to advise his staff that refusal to undertake such work would lead to dismissal. 43 (49) 6.
CIVIL SERVANTS (continued)

Political Activities—
Officers of the Central Office of Information not to be allowed to stand for election to local authorities. 15 (49) 2.
Lord President’s proposals on subsidiary points arising out of Cabinet’s earlier decision about officers of the Central Office of Information endorsed. 16 (49) 2.
Memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 129) covering report of Masterman Committee which had examined the extent to which civilian employees might engage in political activities considered. Recommendations approved and publication agreed. 41 (49) 4.
Lord President to announce that no action would be taken to give effect to recommendations of Masterman Committee until further discussed with Whitley Council and, if necessary, debated in House of Commons. 50 (49) 2.
Preliminary consideration given to memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 198) recommending that original decision to accept Masterman Committee Report proposals should stand. 58 (49) 4.
Discussion of C.P. (49) 198 resumed. Staff below line of demarcation suggested in the Report to be given political freedom forthwith; existing rules and practice to continue for the remainder until end of 1950. National Staff side of Whitley Council to be informed before public announcement made. 59 (49) 5.

Salaries—
Introduction of new scales recommended by Chorley Committee to be postponed. 57 (49) 2.
Superannuation Bill—
On Report Stage, Chancellor of Exchequer to move amendment regarding unestablished service which might count towards superannuation. 38 (49) 1.

CLAIMS AGAINST CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
See also GERMANY: Disposal of pre-war assets in the United Kingdom.
Legislation to dispose of Yugoslav and Czechoslovak compensation for nationalised property and Russian and Baltic assets postponed until 1950 Session. 62 (49) 9.

CLOTHING INDUSTRY
Development Council—

CLYNES, MR. J. R.
Chief Whip to ascertain whether Trades Union Congress or Labour Party would arrange Memorial Service. 62 (49) 3.

COAL
Production—
General situation reviewed. 5 (49) 5; 23 (49) 2.
Absenteism: Coalmining Industry—
See under ABSENTEEISM: EFFECT OF NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEMES.

COLONIAL TERRITORIES
See also under UNITED NATIONS: Third General Assembly.
Constitutional Development in Smaller Territories—
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Colonies (C.P. (49) 62) considered. Committee to be appointed to enquire into problems of the smaller Colonies. 21 (49) 5.
Supplementary Estimates—
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COLOURED PERSONS
Answer to Parliamentary Question about clauses in tenancy agreements prohibiting sub-leases to coloured persons discussed. 67 (49) 1.

COMMONWEALTH HIGH COMMISSIONERS
Title and Status—
Memorandum by Lord Privy Seal (C.P. (49) 226) considered. Proposals regarding grant of diplomatic and consular immunity approved. Prime Minister to take soundings on question of change of title. 64 (49) 4.

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS
Commonwealth Finance Ministers, Meeting of—
See under ECONOMIC SITUATION.
Commonwealth Prime Ministers, Meeting of—
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Republicanism in the Union of South Africa—
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COMMUNISM
Note by Foreign Secretary covering survey of Communism in countries outside the Soviet orbit.—
C.P. (49) 72.
COMMUNISTS AND FASCISTS: EMPLOYMENT OF Government Outstations—
Memorandum by Minister of Defence (C.P. (49) 108) reporting recommendations of Committee on Subversive Activities regarding the application to Government outstations of the procedure for securing that unreliable persons are not employed on secret work considered. Recommendations approved subject to limitations to persons "employed in connection with work the nature of which is vital to the security of the State." 36 (49) 3.

Secret Government Contracts—
Memorandum by Minister of Defence (C.P. (49) 107) reporting conclusions of Committee on Subversive Activities on measures to be taken to improve arrangements for excluding untrustworthy persons from employment on secret Government contracts placed with outside contractors approved. Prime Minister to make a public announcement after concurrence of the National Joint Advisory Council obtained. 36 (49) 3.

Principle of scheme for excluding untrustworthy persons from secret work agreed by National Joint Advisory Council, but method of implementation in doubt; introduction of scheme to be deferred until autumn and meanwhile possible alterations to be considered. 50 (49) 4.

Memorandum by Minister of Defence and Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 233) considered. In view of advice given by National Joint Advisory Council no general policy statement to be made and proposal for special appeal tribunal to be abandoned. Where responsible Minister satisfied of need to remove untrustworthy person from secret work firms to be requested to do so under terms of their contract. 70 (49) 4.

CONTRACTS OF SERVICE IN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES
See also INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: Electricity Undertakings.

Minister of Labour to submit memorandum on extent to which contracts needed revision in order to make clear obligation of workers to fulfil such contracts which could be enforced if necessary by civil proceedings. 21 (49) 3.

Memorandum by Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 192) considered. Solution of problem of unauthorised strikes not to be sought through general revision of contracts. 59 (49) 3.

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY
See GERMANY: Control Commission.

CONTROLS, ENFORCEMENT OF FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC
See INFORMERS; PAYMENTS TO—

CORRUPTION, PREVENTION OF
Memorandum by Attorney-General (C.P. (49) 78) proposing that where gifts or other inducements had passed between a person seeking a licence or permit from a public authority and public employee, the inducement should be deemed in criminal proceedings to have been given and received corruptly unless the contrary was proved considered; no action to be taken at present in view of division of opinion disclosed in discussion. 33 (49) 1.

COTTON INDUSTRY
Production Committee to consider means of increasing efficiency. 63 (49) 3.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
Constitution—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 3) outlining draft constitution which he proposed as alternative to that prepared by sub-committee of European Unity Committee considered. Draft agreed subject to certain modifications and Foreign Secretary authorised to submit it to Committee on European Unity. 2 (49) 1.

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 18) covering draft directive which Consultative Council of Brussels: Powers proposed to give to Permanent Commission for guidance when framing constitution. Foreign Secretary to suggest several modifications; for time being Government's attitude towards International Committee of Movements for European Unity not to be changed. 8 (49).

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary. (C.P. (49) 35) on Permanent Commission's draft proposals considered. Further guidance to be given to the United Kingdom representative. 15 (49) 6.

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary on latest version of Permanent Commission's proposals.—C.P. (49) 46.

Answer to Private Notice—Question about United Kingdom representation on Consultative Assembly discussed. 19 (49) 4.

Note by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 92) covering final report of Preparatory Conference together with recommendations on a number of unsettled points on draft Statute considered. Draft Statute and draft Agreement for a Preparatory Commission approved subject to certain amendments. 30 (49) 5.

Results of discussions on Preparatory Conference reported by Foreign Secretary. Lord President to submit memorandum on the basis on which British representation on Consultative Assembly should be settled. 31 (49) 1.

Memorandum by Lord President (C.P. (49) 98) on the basis of British representation on the Consultative Assembly approved. Inclusion of representatives of Opposition Parties to be made clear in general statement to be made that day. Final text of Statute of Council of Europe approved. 32 (49) 5.
COUNCIL OF EUROPE (continued)
Consultative Assembly; Meeting of—
Applications for membership of delegation to be addressed to Chief Whip. Choice of Government supporters to be made when Opposition Parties' membership known. 35 (49) 2.
Lord President, Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster and Chief Whip appointed Government members of delegation. 40 (49) 2.
Endeavour to be made to secure the deletion from any Press communiqué issued on behalf of the Preparatory Commission of any reference to broadcasts and films of the forthcoming meeting. 41 (49) 5.
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 200) covering report on first session noted. Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 204) on future policy and on line to be taken on specific proposals and resolutions adopted by the Assembly considered. Recommendations approved subject to suggestion for handling resolutions on economic matters. 62 (49) 5.
Meetings of Standing Committees—
Proposed meeting of Economic Committee (not sanctioned by Committee of Ministers) deprecated; reasons to be given in reply to arranged Parliamentary Question. Lord President to advise the two Government supporters not to attend. Representations to be made to Governments concerned to adhere to Committee of Ministers' decision. 69 (49) 4.
Omission of proposed Parliamentary statement, as majority of European Governments not willing to support view of Committee of Ministers, noted. Decisions at previous Cabinet meeting reversed; Foreign Office to pay expenses incurred by United Kingdom members attending meeting of Economic Committee. Foreign Secretary, at next meeting of Committee of Ministers, to protest against departure from their previous decision. 70 (49) 3.
Relation to Organisation for European Economic Co-operation—
See under ECONOMIC UNIFICATION OF EUROPE.
Second Session of Committee of Ministers—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 230) reporting conclusions noted. 67 (49) 5.
COURTS-MARTIAL
Army and Air Force Procedure—
Memorandum by Minister of Defence (C.P. (49) 32) considered. Draft announcement that the implementation of the more far-reaching proposals of the Lewis Committee should await report of proposed Committee on naval courts-martial agreed. 13 (49) 1.
CRIPPS, SIR STAFFORD
Prime Minister to assume responsibility for Treasury business during Chancellor's ill assisted by President of Board of Trade, Minister of Fuel and Power and Financial and Economic Secretaries to the Treasury. 46 (49) 1.
CYRENAICA
See under ITALY: FUTURE OF FORMER COLONIES.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
DEFENCE ESTIMATES
Memorandum by Minister of Defence (C.P. (49) 16) considered. Expenditure of £760 millions for 1949–50 approved; Minister of Defence to report to Defence Committee on future shape and size of defence forces. 6 (49) 1.
Memorandum by Minister of Defence (C.P. (49) 21) covering draft White Paper considered. Draft approved subject to amendments. Examination of potential war-time strengths of possible enemies to be considered. 11 (49) 4.
Reduction of £12½ millions in remaining five months of current year agreed. 61 (49) 2.
Memorandum by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 245) reporting recommendations of Defence Committee for 1950–51 considered. Expenditure of £780 millions approved on understanding that supplementary estimates might be needed to meet any further expense for essential equipment (which should not be embarked upon without approval of Defence Committee); general strategic concept as outlined in Annex C noted (fighter defence to be kept under close examination); Minister of Defence to bring forward proposals for three-year defence budget; copies of relevant documents to be returned to Secretary of Cabinet for security reasons. 72 (49) 1.
Debate on White Paper—
See ARMED FORCES: Married Quarters.
DEVALUATION
See under ECONOMIC SITUATION.
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ORDERS
See INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1947.
DISTRIBUTION, CENSUS OF
See under CENSUS OF DISTRIBUTION.
DIVORCE
Government not prepared to institute an enquiry. 4 (49) 5.
House of Lords to be advised not to give Second Reading to Marriage (Enabling) Bill. 22 (49) 1 (2).
House of Commons to be invited to reject Amendment to Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and, if necessary, Government to arrange for a Royal Commission to be appointed. 44 (49) 2.
Appointment of a Royal Commission not to be proceeded with as amendment to Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill had been ruled out of order. 45 (49) 1.
Decision not to appoint a Royal Commission reaffirmed. Prime Minister so to reply to Parliamentary Question on 20th July. 46 (49) 3.
Papal Pronouncement—
Lord Chancellor to consider question of granting of divorces by Roman Catholic Judges. 67 (49) 8.

DOCK LABOUR SCHEME
See also INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: Dockers, London and Dockers, supporting strike of Canadian seamen.
When current dock strike settled Minister of Labour to investigate causes of and possible remedies for unrest in London docks. 27 (49) 2.
Minister of Transport to submit memorandum on general questions arising from unofficial strikes by dock-workers. 38 (49) 2.
Consideration of memorandum by Minister of Transport (C.P. (49) 145) postponed. 45 (49) 4.
Memoranda by Minister of Transport (C.P. (49) 145) and Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 151) noted. Time not ripe for formal enquiry into operation of the Scheme or underlying causes of unrest in the docks. 46 (49) 6.

EAST AFRICA
Production of Groundnuts—
See also OVERSEAS FOOD CORPORATION.
Memoranda by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 231) and Secretary of State for Colonies (C.P. (49) 232) on future of scheme and further memorandum by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 210) covering report and accounts of Overseas Food Corporation for year 1948-49 considered. Overseas Food Corporation to be authorised to proceed with plans to clear 600,000 acres of bush for production by November 1953. Prime Minister to settle with Minister of Food detailed changes in Board of Corporation. Minister of Food and Secretary of State for Colonies to speak in debate on 21st November. 66 (49) 3.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
Periodic report (C.P. (49) 13) considered. 5 (49) 5.
Periodic report (C.P. (49) 30) considered. 13 (49) 2.
Periodic report (C.P. (49) 70) considered. 23 (49) 2.
Periodic report (C.P. (49) 121) considered. 39 (49) 4.
Periodic report (C.P. (49) 225) considered. 65 (49) 3.
Periodic report (C.P. (49) 247) considered. 72 (49) 5.
Balance of Payments—
General situation discussed. 5 (49) 5; 13 (49) 2.
Dollar payments to Belgium reported. 23 (49) 2.
General situation discussed. 65 (49) 3.
Prices—
General fall in world prices to be watched. 13 (49) 2.
General situation discussed. 23 (49) 2.
Provision to manufacturers of non-ferrous metals at prices comparable with those paid by United States manufacturers to be considered. 39 (49) 4.
Relaxation of Controls—
General progress discussed. 5 (49) 5.

ECONOMIC SITUATION
Commonwealth Finance Ministers: Meeting of—
Memorandum by President of Board of Trade (C.P. (49) 160) reporting results of Meeting noted. Recommendations endorsed and, subject to approval of other Commonwealth Governments, to be shown confidentially to members of United States Administration. 48 (49) 2.
Debate on Measures to deal with—
See under PARLIAMENT.
Devaluation—
Steps to be taken to devalue if satisfactory understandings on consequential United States policy could be reached. Extent to be discussed in Washington. 53 (49) 1.
Memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer on discussions in Washington.—C.P. (49) 191.
Terms of broadcast talk by Chancellor of Exchequer on 18th September discussed. 55 (49).
Reply to Parliamentary Question about consultation with other Governments before devaluation considered. 59 (49) 2.
ECONOMIC SITUATION (continued)

Dollar Drain: Interim Measures and Trade Relations with Canada—
Memorandum on Canada's future trade relations with sterling area to be circulated. 48 (49) 2.

Note to be submitted on measures to check drain. 48 (49) 3.

Memoranda by President of Board of Trade (C.P. (49) 165 and 169) discussed. United Kingdom High Commissioner in Ottawa to be recalled to advise on (a) approach to Canadian Government before Washington talks about long-term trade relations and (b) handling of suggestions for interim measures which Canadian Government might take. Financial Secretary, Treasury, to find out whether, if necessary, Canadian securities in this country could be realised and holders quickly identified. 51 (49) 2.

Note by Secretary (C.P. (49) 174) covering record of discussion with United Kingdom High Commissioner in Ottawa on 10th August and note by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 172) making certain recommendations discussed. Communication to Canadian Government agreed; question of future trade relations not to be broached until after Washington discussions. 52 (49) 2.

Short-term measures by Canada as set forth in draft brief for Washington talks (C.P. (49) 175) discussed. 53 (49) 1.

Revised brief for Washington talks.—C.P. (49) 185.

Value of short-term measures.—C.P. (49) 186.

Possibility of long-term trade discussions during Foreign Secretary's visit to Ottawa noted. 57 (49) 4.

Prime Minister to send personal message to Prime Minister of Canada protesting against statements by Canadian Minister of Agriculture to the effect that United Kingdom officials were deliberately driving Canadian food products out of the United Kingdom market. 71 (49) 2.

Dollar Drain: Interim Measures by United States—
Note to be submitted. 48 (49) 3.

Memorandum by President of Board of Trade (C.P. (49) 165) approved. 51 (49) 2.

Short-term measures as set forth in draft brief for Washington talks (C.P. (49) 175) discussed. 53 (49) 1.

Revised brief for Washington talks.—C.P. (49) 185.

Value of short-term measures.—C.P. (49) 186.

Dollar Drain: Internal and External Measures by United Kingdom—
Memoranda by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 158) and Lord President (C.P. (49) 159) reporting serious situation discussed. 48 (49) 3.

Discussion continued: Economic Policy Committee to consider (a) possible reductions in Government expenditure; (b) measures to counter inflationary pressures which might develop. 50 (49) 5.

Prime Minister to issue memorandum on economy in Government expenditure. 51 (49) 2.

Memorandum by Prime Minister.—C.P. (49) 170.

Draft brief for Washington talks (C.P. (49) 175) considered. Reductions in public expenditure not to be discussed; on conclusion of talks further consideration to be given to measures to control inflationary pressure. 53 (49) 1.

Note by Chancellor of Exchequer covering revised brief for Washington talks.—C.P. (49) 185.

Treasury memorandum on estimates of relief the United Kingdom might get in year ending 30th June, 1950, from various short-term measures.—C.P. (49) 186.

Memorandum by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 205) summarising conclusions reached by Economic Policy Committee on measures necessary to combat inflation considered. For specific decisions see under DEFENCE ESTIMATES, FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN, 1951, FOOD: Animal Feeding-stuffs, Fish, Milk, Non-basic Food-stuffs, GERMANY: Control Com¬mission, GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, INVESTMENT PROGRAMME, LEGAL AID BILL, NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE: Charge on Medical Prescriptions. 61 (49) 2.

Draft of statement to be made by Prime Minister in presenting Government's proposals discussed. 61 (49) 2.

Dollar Drain: Oil—
Memorandum by Minister of Fuel and Power (C.P. (49) 176) considered. Suspension of Article 9 of Anglo-American Loan Agreement to be pressed during Washington talks. If unsuccessful, principle of non-discrimination not applying to oil in the sterling area to be urged; reduction of dollar expenditure to be negotiated between United Kingdom Government and American oil companies. Expansion programme and supply to Europe to be reviewed after Washington talks. 54 (49) 5.

Message to be sent to new Australian Government urging them not to proceed with their proposal to abolish petrol rationing in Australia until they had consulted United Kingdom Government on consequences involved for dollar balance of sterling area. 71 (49) 3.

Dollar Drain: Sterling Balances—

Note by President of Board of Trade (C.P. (49) 179) covering Treasury memorandum to be used as basis for discussion in Washington talks. 54 (49) 5.

International Co-operation—
See INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

Publicity—
Chancellor of Exchequer to submit memorandum on steps to acquaint the public of the position generally and of the need for restraint in demands for wage increases. 57 (49) 3.

Memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 197) on launching of intensive campaign directed to both sides of industry agreed. 58 (49) 1.

Recall of Parliament—
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ECONOMIC SURVEY FOR 1949
Memoranda by Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 29 and 38) covering draft and memorandum by Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 40) commenting on manpower needs of the coalmining industry considered. Chancellor of Exchequer to have discretion to make final adjustments and early publication approved. 16 (49) 4.

ECONOMIC UNIFICATION OF EUROPE
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 203) considered. Recommendations on policy and on relation of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation to the Council of Europe approved. 62 (49) 6.

EGYPT
See Nile Waters.
See Suez Canal.

ELECTRICITY STRIKES
See under Industrial Disputes.

EQUAL PAY
See Wages: Nurses' Pay.

ERITREA
See also Council of Europe.
See also Italy: Future of former colonies: Distribution of Administrative Responsibility.

EUROPE
See also Council of Europe.
See Economic Unification of Europe.
European Cemeteries in India and Pakistan—See under Cemeteries.
Policy—Memorandum by Foreign Secretary on question of creation of third world power or consolidation of Western world.—C.P. (49) 208.

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
Bland Bill—United States Bill to ensure that some 70 per cent. of commodities bought under the European Recovery Programme were shipped in United States vessels discussed. 23 (49) 2.
European Long-term Programme—Memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 27) covering report by European Economic Co-operation Committee for forthcoming discussions on co-ordinated programme for all participating countries noted. 15 (49) 5.
Internal Financial Position of the United Kingdom—Note by Chancellor of Exchequer covering report as submitted to the Organisation.—C.P. (49) 99.
Relation of Organisation to Council of Europe—See Economic Unification of Europe.
United Kingdom Long-term Programme—Estimates of Colonial dollar earnings discussed in view of dependence on United States demands for rubber, tin and cocoa. Effort to be made to persuade United States Government to reduce production of synthetic rubber. 23 (49) 2.

EXPORTS
Direction—Expansion of exports to United States and Canada discussed. 5 (49) 5.
Volume—January figures noted with approval. 10 (49) 3.
General position discussed. 13 (49) 2.
February figures discussed. 23 (49) 2.

FASCISTS
See Communists and Fascists: Employment of.
See Political Processions in London.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN, 1951
Reduction of £1 million in estimated cost agreed. 61 (49) 2.
Memorandum by Lord President (C.P. (49) 229) on economies in estimated cost referred to Economic Policy Committee for detailed consideration. 65 (49) 5.
House of Lords willing to modify procedure to enable Bill to be passed before end of Session but only if all opposition withdrawn. 70 (49) 1.

FILM INDUSTRY
Memorandum by President of Board of Trade (C.P. (49) 65) considered. President of Board of Trade, on receipt of report of Portal Committee on structure of industry, to submit report with recommendations on action which the Government should take to increase efficiency of the industry and to secure any necessary measures of control. 22 (49) 2.
President of Board of Trade's proposals for handling debate in House of Commons approved; proposals for long-term future of industry to be submitted. 71 (49) 4.
FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTMENT

FOOD

FISHERIES

Anglo-Norwegian Fishery Dispute—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 9) covering Law Officers' Opinion and summary of developments considered. Demarcation line agreed subject to views of fishing industry and pending further consultation with Norwegian Government. 4 (49) 3.

Anglo-Norwegian Fishery Dispute (continued)—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 140) proposing that dispute should be referred to International Court of Justice unless agreement reached on a modus vivendi by end of July agreed. 43 (49) 7.

Foreign Secretary to submit dispute by unilateral application unless by 30th July, Norwegian Government willing to submit joint application. 46 (49) 5.

International North-West Atlantic Fisheries Convention—
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Scotland and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries (C.P. (49)8) covering draft of International Convention considered. Recommendations approved: Minister of Agriculture to instruct delegation to ask that proposed International Commission be brought within Food and Agriculture Organisation. 4 (49) 4.

Memorandum by Secretary of State for Scotland and Minister of Agriculture (C.P. (49) 171) considered. Final Act of Conference to be accepted and Convention ratified. 59 (49) 7.

FOOD

Animal Feeding-stuffs—
On understanding that no additional dollar expenditure incurred special issue to be made of rations for calves over 6 months and for cows due to calve in the autumn. 49 (49) 1.

Subsidies to be discontinued (estimated annual saving of £30 millions) at time of February 1950 review and decision to be announced forthwith. Any part of cost not met by reduction in farmers' incomes to be passed on to consumer. 61 (49) 2.

Consumption—
General situation reported. 13 (49) 2.

Fish—
See also SEA FISH INDUSTRY BILL.
Subsidy to be discontinued and price decontrolled in spring of 1950. Ministers of Food and Agriculture and Secretary of State for Scotland to make arrangements and examine extent of future subsidies to transport equalisation scheme. 61 (49) 2.

Increased Rations for Christmas—
Memorandum by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 201) proposing increases in meat, bacon, cooking fats and sweets approved. Minister of Food to submit final proposals during week beginning 7th November; announcement to be made subsequently. 63 (49) 4.

Memorandum by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 223) considered. Increase in meat ration not to be granted. Announcement to be made on 14th November of other bonuses and increase in tea ration. 64 (49) 1.

Meat—
See also under Increased Rations for Christmas.
Memorandum by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 11) considered. Change in ration as from 23rd January approved. 4 (49) 1.

Memorandum by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 49) considered. Ration of carcase meat to be reduced to 8d. as from 27th March but canned meat ration (2d.) to be maintained; announcement to be made on 18th March; Minister of Food to circulate paper on prospects of reducing dependence on Argentine supplies; Foreign Secretary to consider prospects of supplies from Mexico; President of Board of Trade to consider possible improvement in procurement arrangements in countries with which bilateral trade agreements had been concluded; Secretary of State for Colonies and Minister of Agriculture to submit report to Prime Minister on question of restrictions on import of carcase meat from Africa. 19 (49) 5.

Announcement of ration to be made that afternoon. Lord President and Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food to settle final terms. 20 (49) 5.

Memorandum by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 84) on meat supply position and possible future supplies from Mexico and Australia noted. 27 (49) 3.

Memorandum by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 103) recommending that, as from 22nd May, the weekly ration of carcase meat should be increased by 2d. and ration of canned meat (2d.) should cease approved. 34 (49) 8.

Memorandum by Minister of Food (C.P. (49) 144) on prospects of reducing dependence on Argentine supplies noted. Minister of Food to discuss development of Australian production with Australian Minister of Defence and Post-war Reconstruction. 46 (49) 8.

Milk—
Cut in retail milk margins to produce annual saving of £4 million agreed; reduction in subsidy not agreed. 61 (49) 2.

Non-basic Food-stuffs—
Increase in retail prices (e.g., egg—products and raisins) to produce annual saving of £3 millions agreed. 61 (49) 2.

Supplementary Estimates—
See CIVIL ESTIMATES.

Tea—
See under Increased Rations for Christmas.

Wheat—
See INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Appreciation of success of Foreign Secretary's efforts as shown in the conclusion of the North Atlantic Treaty, the adoption of a constitution for the Council of Europe and the lifting of the Berlin blockade expressed. 32 (49) 7.

FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTMENT

See INVESTMENT OF FOREIGN CAPITAL.
GENERAL ELECTION

See also PAPER SUPPLIES.

Speculation about date not to be encouraged. 43 (49) 3.

Warning against discussion about possible date repeated. 56 (49) 2.

GENEVA CONVENTIONS ON WAR VICTIMS

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for War (C.P. (49) 59) considered.

Small group of Ministers to consider and make recommendations to the Cabinet about questions of policy which arose on instructions for British representatives at a conference being convened by the Swiss to discuss four new conventions. 20 (49) 6.

Noted that group of Ministers had agreed on points of policy arising from Foreign Secretary's memorandum (C.P. (49) 59) and United Kingdom Delegation to International Conference at Geneva on 21st April had adequate instructions. 24 (49) 3.

GERMANY

Basic Law

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 50) covering abridged version of the Basic Law (Provisional Constitution) drawn up by the German Parliamentary Council at Bonn considered and recommendations approved. 19 (49) 6.

Berlin—

Possibility of Soviet Government raising blockade if Western Powers agreed to early meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers to discuss future policy in respect of Germany as a whole reported. 31 (49) 3.

Final agreement reached with Governments concerned on raising of blockade and announcement to be made in House of Commons that afternoon. Foreign Secretary to arrange for suitable message of appreciation to be sent to all concerned in British contribution to air-lift. 32 (49) 6.

Raising of blockade and difficulty over rail transport arrangements reported. 34 (49) 4.

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 154) about discontinuing airlift approved. 46 (49) 2.

Control Commission—

Reorganisation of staffing as part of economy in Government expenditure (estimated annual saving of between £8 and £10 millions) agreed. No public announcement at present. 61 (49) 2.

Disposal of Pre-war Assets in the United Kingdom—

Memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 213) considered. Legislation to be introduced in current session to distribute assets among pre-war creditors. 62 (49) 9.

Electoral Law—

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 53) on electoral laws for Western Germany considered and recommendations approved. 19 (49) 6.

Future Policy: Meeting of United Kingdom, United States and French Foreign Ministers—

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 237) considered. Decisions reached at meeting, as set out in directive to High Commissioners, endorsed. 67 (49) 7.

German Federal Chancellor’s proposal that German shipyards should be permitted to construct ships for export and undertake repairs of foreign ships not to be rejected. 68 (49) 7.

Occupation Statute and Tripartite Control Agreement—

Note by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 79) covering Foreign Office memorandum on new United States proposals considered. Foreign Secretary (in Washington) to be informed of Cabinet’s anxieties on particular points but to be given discretion to decide how far these points could be pressed without imperilling the prospects of securing early agreement between the three Occupying Powers. 26 (49) 3.

Note by Prime Minister covering memorandum by Foreign Office annexing text of documents drawn up in Washington.—C.P. (49) 87.

Reparations and Prohibited and Limited Industries—

See also FUTURE POLICY: Meeting of United Kingdom, United States and French Foreign Ministers.

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 23) considered. Basis for negotiations with United States and French Governments approved. 10 (49) 1.

Note by Prime Minister covering report on negotiations with United States and French Governments.—C.P. (49) 76.

Visit of Lord Henderson—

Note by Foreign Secretary.—C.P. (49) 215.

GOLD COAST CONSTITUTION

Memorandum by Secretary of State for Colonies (C.P. (49) 199) considered. Report of local African Committee to be published together with statement of extent to which recommendations accepted by Government. 58 (49) 3.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

See also ECONOMIC SITUATION: Dollar Drain: Internal and External Measures by United Kingdom.

Directive by Prime Minister for searching scrutiny of expenditure in Civil Departments—proposals for economy to be submitted by September.—C.P. (49) 170.

Reductions approved as in E.P.C. (49) 111, Schedule I (less essential Services and Administrative Economies); Schedule II (further economies not involving major Government policy) and Schedule III (Items 1, 3 (c), 4 and 5 only—outside Social Service Field but involving major Government policy). 61 (49) 2.
GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (continued)
Memoranda by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 216), Lord President (C.P. (49) 221) and Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 228) considered. Practice of holding special enquiries into organisation of Departments endorsed; Ministers to co-operate with Chancellor of Exchequer in initiating enquiries. Proposal of Chancellor of Exchequer to submit to Economic Policy Committee half-yearly forecasts of expenditure covering ensuing two years noted. Prime Minister to ask Chairmen of Cabinet Committees to report on possible economies. Ministers to ensure Prime Minister's directive (C.P. (49) 216) implemented. 65 (49) 4.

GREECE
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 113) on the civil war considered. Foreign Secretary to explore with United States Secretary of State possibility of a settlement and also of outstanding problems elsewhere in the Balkans. 36 (49) 4.
Minister of Defence to arrange for withdrawal of British troops; Foreign Secretary to notify decision to Governments of United States, other members of Commonwealth and Greece. 62 (49) 2.

GROUND-NUTS
See EAST AFRICA: Production of Groundnuts.

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HAIFA REFINERY
See OIL: Supplies for.

HONG KONG
See under CHINA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA.

HOUSING
Local Authorities' Waiting Lists—
Minister of Health to delay publication of information and to consider withholding it indefinitely. 60 (49) 2.
Priorities for Applicants for Houses—
Minister of Health to circulate memorandum to Lord President's Committee. 39 (49) 4.
Programme—
General situation reported. 5 (49) 5.
Provision of Married Quarters—
See under ARMED FORCES.

HOUSING BILL
"Tied Cottages"—
Grants for improvement to be limited to those let on tenancy agreement and not extended to those occupied as part of contract of service. Minister of Health to include such provision in draft Bill and bring matter to Legislation Committee. 5 (49) 3.

IMPORT POLICY
Memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 124) on relaxation of import licensing restrictions considered and recommendations approved. 39 (49) 3.
Memorandum by President of Board of Trade (C.P. (49) 137) on relaxation of import restrictions and draft of reply to arranged Parliamentary Question considered. Revised draft together with proposals for handling any supplementary questions on tariff policy to be circulated. 41 (49) 3.
No demand for public statement having developed matter deferred. 42 (49) 3.

INDIA
Citizens resident in the United Kingdom: Liability to Military Service—
Memorandum to be submitted. 54 (49) 4.
Memorandum by Lord Privy Seal and Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 218) considered. Proposals, subject to two points, approved. 64 (49) 3.
Constitutional Developments—
Recent course of discussions reported to Cabinet and policy endorsed. 17 (49) 2.
Memorandum by Prime Minister covering basic documents for Meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.—C.P. (49) 58.
Course of discussions at Meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers reported to Cabinet. Terms of declaration to be made by the United Kingdom Government jointly with other Commonwealth Governments approved. 29 (49) 1.
Lord President to make statement in the House of Commons that afternoon incorporating substance of announcement made at conclusion of Meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers. Opinion of Law Officers to be taken on need for subsequent legislation resulting from India's new status. 30 (49) 2.
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations on Reactions to the Commonwealth Declaration of 27th April.—C.P. (49) 139.
Memorandum by Lord Privy Seal and Lord Chancellor (C.P. (49) 181) considered. Legislation consequent on India's new status to be passed before 26th January, 1950. Government of India to be informed and nationality provisions to be discussed with them. 54 (49) 4.
INDIA (continued)
Constitutional Developments (continued)—
Memorandum by Lord Privy Seal (C.P. (49) 224) on draft India (Consequential Provisions) Bill considered. General lines for conduct of forthcoming discussions with Sir Girja Bajpai discussed in particular possibility of excluding provisions dealing specifically with nationality points in the Bill. 64 (49) 2.
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations (C.P. (49) 234) reporting on discussions with Sir Girja Bajpai considered. Bill, as drafted, agreed in principle and subject to concurrence of Indian Government Legislation Committee to examine text in detail. 67 (49) 4.
Agreement of Indian Government to draft Bill noted. 69 (49) 3.

European Cemeteries in—
See under CEMETERIES.
Pensions for Members of Civil Services—
Question of provision from United Kingdom funds for Europeans who had resigned during period between transfer of power and agreement of November 1948, to be considered. 43 (49) 2.

INDONESIA
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 7) on proposed policy approved. 2 (49) 2.
Dutch request for Air Facilities at Mauritius—K.L.M. services to Batavia to be allowed to use Mauritius with certain proviso; Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations to inform Commonwealth Governments. 5 (49) 6.
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 22) on proposed policy approved. Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 25) reporting discussions with High Commissioners for India and Pakistan noted. 10 (49) 2.
Statement by Foreign Secretary about Dutch proposal to hold a conference with view to transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia noted. 15 (49) 3.
Provisional agreement reached between the Dutch and Indonesian leaders and arrangements being made for conference at The Hague noted. 34 (49) 5.
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 242) on arms embargo considered. Netherlands Government to be informed that United Kingdom authorities would no longer seek assurance about destination of arms ordered by them; no publicity to be given to this decision. 70 (49) 6.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
Civil Servants—
See under CIVIL SERVANTS
Colliery Winders—
Events leading to issue of strike notices for 21 days' time noted. 48 (49) 1.
Deportation of British subjects engaged in subversive activities—
See under BRITISH NATIONALITY LAW.
Dockers, London—
See also DOCK LABOUR SCHEME.
Memoranda by Ministry of Labour (C.P. (49) 89) and Home Secretary (C.P. (49) 88), considered. Various measures to be taken to deal with strike agreed. 27 (49) 2.
Dockers, supporting strike of Canadian seamen—
See also DOCK LABOUR SCHEME.
Minister of Labour to press Avonmouth port employers to agree that cargo of bananas should be unloaded from the Bayano if volunteers provided by Transport and General Workers' Union; broadcast to be made explaining true facts of Canadian seamen's strike. 38 (49) 2.
Present situation reported. Troops had had to unload the Bayano at Avonmouth and dockers at Liverpool had declined to unload Canadian ships diverted from Avonmouth. 39 (49) 1.
Present situation reported. Military units at Avonmouth to unload ships including Montreal City; Minister of Labour to endeavour to secure agreement of employers that the Dromore should be isolated at Liverpool pending examination of facts relating to her cargo. 40 (49) 4.
300 men suspended from employment in London docks for refusing to unload two Canadian ships. Situation at other ports satisfactory. 41 (49) 1.
Development in London docks reported. 43 (49) 4.
Developments reported. Declaration of State of Emergency under Emergency Powers Act, 1920, to be considered; activities of any organisation fomenting trouble in docks and ships to be looked into. 44 (49) 3.
Developments reported; the King to be advised to make a proclamation of emergency; Memorandum by the Attorney-General (C.P. (49) 148) on subsequent action considered; Emergencies Committee to recommend further steps; Prime Minister to decide constitution and membership of proposed Emergency Committee of the Port of London. 45 (49) 3.
Developments reported; Minister of Labour not to enter into further discussion with Unions concerned. 46 (49) 7.
Situation created by Government's countermanding of a notice issued by National Dock Labour Board ordering strikers to resume work otherwise jeopardising existence of Dock Labour Scheme discussed. Prime Minister to see Lord Ammon about his public criticism of Government's action. 47 (49) 7.
Memorandum by Attorney-General on position of National Dock Labour Board in relation to Emergency Committee established under Emergency Powers Act, 1920.—C.P. (49) 163. [Not considered at Cabinet owing to end of strike.]
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (continued)
Dockers' supporting strike of Canadian Seamen (continued)—
Decision of strikers to return to work that day noted. Minister of Labour to inform
National Dock Labour Board that until state of emergency ended they were still obliged
to consult with the Emergency Committee for the Port of London before taking any
action. In light of results of that day's meeting of the National Dock Labour Board
timing of end of state of emergency to be considered. Home Secretary to decide when
troops could be dispersed. Arrangements to be made for notifying Parliament of end
of emergency and for handling any debate. 48 (49) 1.

Electricity Undertakings— See also CONTRACTS OF SERVICE IN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES.
As result of recent unauthorised strike at Barking Power Station, Ministers of Labour and
Fuel and Power to inform the British Electricity Authority that the Government
would support them in resisting such strikes. 21 (49) 3.

Position of strikes at various power stations noted. Institution of proceedings under
Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, not contemplated as strike ended.
Minister of Fuel and Power to bear in mind Cabinet's views on institution of civil
proceedings against strikers in discussions with Chairman of British Electricity Authority.
72 (49) 2.

Publicity—
Need for better arrangements discussed. 39 (49) 1.

Radiolympia—
Lord President to open radio exhibition in spite of unofficial strike. 57 (49) 5.

Railwaymen—
Means of ending weekend strike in Eastern and North-Eastern Regions in protest against
lodging turns to be discussed that day at meeting of Railway Executive and representatives
of Unions concerned. 39 (49) 1.

Memorandum by Ministry of Transport (C.P. (49) 130) indicating steps taken to inform
public about strike and showing present state of wage negotiations noted. 40 (49) 4.

Difficulties now narrowed down to wages claim. 41 (49) 1.

Course of events leading to threatened "go-slow" campaign noted. 43 (49) 4.

Course of negotiations with Railway Unions on wages claim noted. 48 (49) 1.

Unauthorised Strikes—
See CONTRACTS OF SERVICE IN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES.

INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1947
Development Council Orders for Woollen and Clothing Industries—
Parliament not to be asked to approve draft of Wool Textile Industry Development Council
Order until legal proceedings on Clothing Industry Development Council Order con­
cluded. 70 (49) 2.

INDUSTRY
Joint Consultation— See also ECONOMIC SITUATION: Publicity.
Memorandum by Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 217) noted. Further efforts to be made to
develop machinery for consultation. 63 (49) 2.

INFORMATION, LEAKAGE OF
See under LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION.

INFORMERS: PAYMENTS TO
System of paying rewards for information leading to detection of offences against the law to be
upheld; no grounds for modification of the practice. 68 (49) 3.

INTERMEDIARIES
See TRIBUNALS OF ENQUIRY (EVIDENCE) ACT, 1921.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
Memorandum by President of Board of Trade on plans for multilateral international co-operation
in field of payments and trade resulting from joint Anglo-American initiative.—C.P. (49) 188.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION
Conferences—

Conventions on Conditions of Labour in non-Metropolitan Territories—
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Colonies and Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 166)
on action to be taken on two Conventions and a Recommendation given preliminary consideration. 27 (49) 4.

Memoranda by the Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 80 and 81) on five Conventions considered. Ratification, extent of application to Colonies and
issue of White Paper agreed. 52 (49) 3.

Conventions on—
(a) Organisation of Employment Service; and
(b) Freedom of Association and Right to Organise.
Memoranda by the Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 80 and 81) on action to be taken on two
Conventions and a Recommendation given preliminary consideration. 27 (49) 4.

Memoranda by the Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 80 and 81) considered. Convention
on the Organisation of the Employment Service to be ratified and Recommendation to
be accepted subject to a reservation in regard to paragraph 12 (b); White Paper to be
Organise to be ratified in respect of Great Britain only; White Paper to be presented.
Exclusion of Northern Ireland from ratification to be explained to Director-General of the International Labour Office. 31 (49) 6.
INTERNATIONAL NORTH-WEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION
See under FISHERIES.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
See under specific titles and also under UNITED NATIONS.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANISATION
The Havana Charter—
Memorandum by President of the Board of Trade on question of ratification.—C.P. (49) 114.
[Not considered at Cabinet as United States Government did not ratify when expected
to do so.]

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Scotland and Minister of Agriculture (C.P. (49) 162)
reporting resolutions passed at first meeting of the Commission to amend certain provisions
of International Convention of 1946 for regulation of whaling approved. 49 (49) 6.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Scotland and Minister of Agriculture (C.P. (49) 51) on position reached at Conference in Washington
considered. Question of eligibility of expenditure on Canadian wheat for re-imbursement
under Economic Co-operation Act to be considered. Subject to this, recommendations
on prices approved and, subject to Soviet participation, amount of purchases approved.
18 (49) 1.

 possi  b  e effect on price of Australian wheat discussed. 65 (49) 3.

INVESTMENT OF FOREIGN CAPITAL
See also OVERSEAS TERRITORIES: Investment Policy.

Memoranda by Secretary of State for Colonies (E.P.C. (49) 74) on investment of foreign
capital in the Colonies and memorandum by President of Board of Trade (E.P.C. (49) 92)
covering Treasury note on encouragement of United States private investment in the United
Kingdom and Colonies considered. No public statement to be made before financial
discussions in Washington. 51 (49) 1.

INVESTMENT PROGRAMME
Study to be made of possible reductions in programme. 50 (49) 5.

INVESTMENT PROGRAMME
See also OVERSEAS TERRITORIES: Investment Policy.

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Study to be made of possible reductions in programme. 50 (49) 5.

Note by President of Board of Trade submitting interim report by Investment Programmes Com­
mittee.—C.P. (49) 178. [Not considered at Cabinet but relevant to C.M. (49) 53:rd Meeting.]

Broad pattern of reduction to which Investment Programmes Committee should work for latter
half of 1950 agreed. 61 (49) 2.

IRELAND
Ireland Bill—
Memoranda by the Prime Minister covering report by official working party on action to be
taken as result of Eire's secession from the Commonwealth (C.P. (49) 4) and modifying
certain recommendations after discussion with Northern Ireland Ministers and
annexing draft Bill (C.P. (49) 5) considered. Draft Bill approved subject to certain
amendments; Prime Minister to make further attempt to persuade Prime Minister of
Northern Ireland to reduce residential qualification for Northern Ireland franchise;
proposals in C.P. (49) 5 and recommendations of working party approved subject to
point about Eire's membership of the Sterling Area Statistical Committee. 1 (49) 2.

Memorandum by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 47) on four outstanding points in Bill considered
and proposals approved. 18 (49) 3.

Assurance to be given about guaranteeing the territorial integrity of Northern Ireland only
if question raised during passage of Bill. 34 (49) 3.

Memorandum by Prime Minister on basis of Government policy in respect of new Irish Republic.
—C.P. (49) 111.

Memorandum by Lord Chancellor, Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Common­
wealth Relations (C.P. (49) 127) proposing amendment to make it clear that a person
born in Southern Ireland before 6th December, 1922, but domiciled in Northern
Ireland on that date was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies agreed. 39 (49) 6.

Partition—
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations (C.P. (49) 45) on anti­
partition campaign fostered by Eire Government and memorandum by Home Secretary
and Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations (C.P. (49) 48) about possible
United Kingdom protest considered. Protest at this stage of no use but, in debate on
Ireland Bill, Government to support partition strongly. 18 (49) 3.

Terms of letter from Prime Minister to Prime Minister of Northern Ireland in reply to
latter's letter approved. 21 (49) 6.

Note by Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations annexing copies of aide-memoires
exchanging with Government of Irish Republic and report from United Kingdom rep­
resentative in Dublin.—C.P. (49) 128.

IRON AND STEEL BILL
Messrs. Dorman Long—
Memorandum by Minister of Supply (C.P. (49) 195) considered. Structural engineering
and chemical activities not to be hived-off. 58 (49) 2.

Time-Table—
Passage of Bill in House of Lords noted. 38 (49) 1.

Minister of Supply to submit memorandum on issue raised by Lords amendment providing
that vesting date should be postponed until July 1951. 40 (49) 1.
IRON AND STEEL BILL

Time-Table—

Memorandum by Minister of Supply (C.P. (49) 132) considered. Any amendment moved in House of Lords with object of providing that Bill could not be brought into effective operation until after General Election not to be accepted. 41 (49) 2.

Remaining stages discussed. 43 (49) 1.

Minister of Supply to make statement that if Bill lost this Session it would be re-introduced at earliest opportunity and would include same clause about dissipation of assets operating retrospectively to the same dates as in the present Bill. 47 (49) 2.

Memorandum by Minister of Supply (C.P. (49) 168) about vesting date discussed. Consideration by House of Commons of Lords' amendments to be deferred until after Summer Recess. 49 (49) 4.

Memorandum by Minister of Supply (C.P. (49) 211) on retention of 1st May, 1950, vesting date considered. Parliamentary considerations to be examined by small group of Ministers. 62 (49) 4.

Detailed proposals about coming into force of Bill being discussed with Leaders of the Opposition in the House of Lords. 63 (49) 1.

Bill to come into operation from date of passing but Minister not to appoint any member of Iron and Steel Corporation before 1st October, 1950. Earliest date for vesting of companies would be 1st January, 1951. 65 (49) 2.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND

See under ITALY: FUTURE OF FORMER COLONIES: Distribution of Administrative Responsibility.

ITALY: FUTURE OF FORMER COLONIES

Cyrenaica—

Draft declaration to be made on behalf of His Majesty's Government at meeting of Cyrenaican National Congress on 1st June considered. Italian Foreign Minister to be given an opportunity to comment on it. 39 (49) 2.

Distribution of Administrative Responsibility—

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for War (C.P. (49) 12) considered. Administrative responsibility for Cyrenaica and Tripolitania to be transferred from War Office to Foreign Office; working party to study implications of transfer and arrangements for administration of Eritrea and Italian Somaliland. 5 (49) 4.

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for War (C.P. (49) 57) covering report of working party on Eritrea and Italian Somaliland considered. Recommendations to transfer responsibility to Foreign Office at same time as that for Cyrenaica and Tripolitania and that the date should be 1st April, 1949, agreed. 20 (49) 4.

Tripolitania—

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for War (C.P. (49) 55) proposing a working party to review situation and make recommendations considered. Appointment of working party to be deferred until after Foreign Secretary's forthcoming visit to the United States; otherwise proposals approved. 20 (49) 4.

Foreign Secretary's proposals as a result of United Nations Assembly's rejection of a plan for Tripolitania noted. 36 (49) 6.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL

Effort to be made to get Bill passed into law before end of Session. 62 (49) 1.

KING'S SPEECH ON PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

See under PARLIAMENT.

LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION

Importance of discretion emphasised as journalist had overheard Ministers discussing what had passed at a Cabinet meeting on Palestine. 5 (49) 7.

Lord Chancellor to make enquiries about an article on the Iron and Steel Bill published in the Observer of 8th May which suggested that the author was able to inform himself of the course of confidential Ministerial discussions. 33 (49) 3.

LEGAL AID BILL

Partial deferment as economy measure agreed. 61 (49) 2.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government Act, 1948—

See PARLIAMENT: Parliamentary Procedure.

Reorganisation—

Memoranda by Minister of Health (C.P. (49) 82), Lord President (C.P. (49) 101) and Minister of Town and Country Planning (C.P. (49) 102) considered. Prime Minister to constitute a committee of Ministers to consider main principles which should govern re-organisation of local government in England and Wales. 34 (49) 6.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (continued)
Reorganisation (continued)—
Composition and Terms of Reference of Local Government Committee.—C.P. (49) 112.
Local Government Boundary Commission to be brought to an end; form of announcement in Parliament to be settled. 42 (49) 2.
Minister of Health, after report of Local Government Man-Power Committee considered, to submit proposals for enquiry into method of recruitment, remuneration and general organisation. 65 (49) 4.

“LYNSKEY” TRIBUNAL
See under TRIBUNALS OF INQUIRY (EVIDENCE) ACT, 1921.

MALAYA
See CHINA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA: China, Malaya and Hong Kong, Situation in—

MALTA
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Colonies on discussions with representatives of Malta Government.—C.P. (49) 187.

MAN-POWER
Current situation reviewed. 5 (49) 5.
Current situation reviewed. 23 (49) 2.
Current situation reviewed; Production Committee to undertake comprehensive review of problem of maintaining employment in development areas. 39 (49) 4.
Current situation reviewed. 53 (49) 3.
Composition and Terms of Reference of Man-Power Committee.—C.P. (49) 54.

MARRIED WOMEN (RESTRAINT UPON ANTICIPATION) BILL
Memorandum by Lord Chancellor (C.P. (49) 125) considered. Bill to release married women from disabilities arising from restraints on anticipation to be introduced in House of Lords. 42 (49) 4.
Arrangements for debate on 7th November agreed. 63 (49) 1.

MASTEFMAN REPORT
See CIVIL SERVANTS: Political Activities.

MAURITIUS
Dutch Request for Air Facilities at—
See under INDONESIA.

MIDDLE EAST
Policy—
Note by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 183) considered and, subject to certain points, accepted as general directive. Defence Committee to consider defence expenditure. Certain information to be communicated to Governments of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. 54 (49) 3.
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary on foreign policy in the Middle East including Greece, Turkey, Egypt and Cyrenaica.—C.P. (49) 209.

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT
Memorandum by Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster (C.P. (49) 152) giving recommendations of Ministerial Mineral Development (Policy) Committee which had considered proposals of Departmental Committee on Mineral Development under Lord Westwood’s chairmanship considered. Minister of Fuel and Power to make statement that legislation would be introduced to give effect to main recommendation (that ownership of various minerals should be vested in the State) and that other recommendations still under examination. Machinery of Government Committee to consider (a) recommendations to be made by Government Organisation Committee on distribution of responsibility and (b) whether there should be a Mineral Development Commission. Minister of Town and Country Planning to examine method of assessing and paying development charges. Recommendations on mining taxation to be examined by Tucker Committee on Taxation of Trading Profits. North Yorkshire potash deposits not to be brought under public ownership in advance of general legislation. 47 (49) 4.

MOSLEY, SIR OSWALD
Application for British passport to be granted. Chancellor of Exchequer to be advised of Cabinet’s views should application be made on medical grounds for special allowance of foreign currency. 35 (49) 4.

MOUNTBATTEN ESTATE BILL
See MARRIED WOMEN (RESTRAINT UPON ANTICIPATION) BILL.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
Charge on Medical Prescriptions—
Charge, not exceeding 1s., to be imposed as part of economy measures (estimated annual saving £10 millions) to help eliminate abuse of scheme. Old age pensioners to be exempted. 61 (49) 2.
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (continued)

Cost and Progress of—
Memoranda by Minister of Health (C.P. (48) 302 and C.P. (49) 105) and Secretary of State for Scotland (C.P. (48) 308 and C.P. (49) 106) noted. Any rise in cost not to be met by cutting down essential hospital services; need for Supplementary Estimate not to be accepted in principle and all endeavours to be made to bring cost within present Estimates; Minister of Health and Chancellor of Exchequer to examine adequacy of methods of controlling expenditure of public funds by Regional Hospital Boards. 37 (49) 1.

Stabilisation of Salaries and Wages—
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Scotland and Minister of Health (C.P. (49) 220) considered. Proposals for adjustments to be put before Chancellor of Exchequer with view to consideration in light of views expressed in Cabinet’s discussion. 64 (49) 6.

Supplementary Estimates—
See CIVIL ESTIMATES.

Use by Foreigners—
Proposals for submission to other Brussels Powers on reciprocal facilities for medical and dental treatment to be considered. 43 (49) 8 (2).

Memoranda by Minister of Health (C.P. (49) 190 and 206) and Minister of National Insurance (C.P.(49) 196) considered. Minister of Health, in National Health Service (Amendment) Bill or in separate Bill, to take powers to restrict by order the extent to which foreign visitors could use National Health Service and, in certain cases, to make charges. 59 (49) 4.

NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEMES

Effect on Absenteeism in Industry—
See ABSENTEEISM: EFFECT OF NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEMES.

Implementation—
Memorandum by Minister of National Insurance (C.P. (49) 14) reporting on progress made in carrying into effect provisions of National Insurance Act, 1946, and National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946 noted. 37 (49) 2.

NATIONAL PARKS AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE BILL
Timetable for completion of proceedings discussed. 45 (49) 2.

NEWFOUNDLAND
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations (C.P. (49) 17) considered. On receipt of request from Canadian Parliament British North America Bill to be introduced. 9 (49) 3.

British North America Bill to be proceeded with notwithstanding appeal lodged with the Judicial Committee of Privy Council against incorporation in Confederation of Canada. 15 (49) 1.

NILE WATERS
Conclusion of agreement with Egyptian Government for construction of dam at Owen Falls noted. 36 (49) 5.

NORWEGIAN FISHERY DISPUTE
See under FISHERIES.

OAKEY REPORT
See WAGES: Police Pay.

OIL

Oil and Dollars—
See ECONOMIC SITUATION: Dollar Drain: Oil.

Supplies for Haifa Refinery—
All practical possibilities for securing passage of sterling oil to the refinery being explored. 66 (49) 1.

Under-Sea Oil in the Persian Gulf—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 26) considered and procedure for exploitation agreed. 12 (49) 4.

OVERSEAS FOOD CORPORATION
Memorandum by Minister of Food on First Year’s Work.—C.P. (49) 63.
See also EAST AFRICA: Production of Groundnuts.

OVERSEAS TERRITORIES
Administration—
Government Organisation Committee to report on distribution of responsibility. 5 (49) 4.

Note by Prime Minister (C.P. (49) 77) covering report of working party on distribution of departmental responsibility considered and conclusions approved. Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations to consider possible interchange of staff between their two Departments. 35 (49) 3.

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations (C.P. (49) 149) describing arrangements already in force for interchange of staff noted. 47 (49) 9.
OVERSEAS TERRITORIES (continued)

Economic Development—
Note by Secretary of the Cabinet reporting revised Committee organisation.—C.P. (49) 83.

Investment Policy—
See also INVESTMENT OF FOREIGN CAPITAL.

Early agreement with United States Government being sought. 62 (49) 8.

PAKISTAN

European Cemeteries in—
See under CEMETERIES.

PALESTINE

Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 10) considered. Policy endorsed; Foreign Secretary to consider recognition of Government of Israel; Lord Privy Seal to ask Opposition leaders to refrain from discussing Palestine in Lords' debate on 19th January; Foreign Secretary to suggest to Opposition leaders in Commons that they refrain from raising a debate during next week or so; statement regarding destruction of R.A.F. aircraft on reconnaissance over Palestine—Egyptian frontier to be confined to operational aspects only; Jewish authorities to be informed that removal to Palestine of Jews in Cyprus might now be arranged. 3 (49).

Recognition of Israeli Government further discussed. 4 (49) 2.

Foreign Secretary to announce in House of Commons on 26th January that Commonwealth and Western Union Governments were being consulted about recognition of Israeli Government; to ask French Government to defer announcing their recognition and to submit to Defence Committee question of arms for Arab Governments. 6 (49) 2.

PAPER SUPPLIES

Memorandum by President of Board of Trade on allocation for general and local elections and for political Parties.—C.P. (49) 33.

Size of Newspapers and Periodicals—
Memorandum by President of Board of Trade (C.P. (49) 227) considered. Control over supply of paper for periodicals to be withdrawn from 4th March, 1950. Increase of one page in size of dailies to be allowed for period of four weeks during General Election. Proposal to increase size of dailies immediately rejected but instead possibility of increasing exports of newsprint to be pursued. 66 (49) 4.

PARLIAMENT

Debate on Measures to deal with Economic Situation—
Statement to be made by Prime Minister on 24th October. 59 (49) 1.

Debate to be held on 26th and 27th October. 60 (49) 1.

Lord President to settle terms of motion. 61 (49) 1.

Form of statement to be made by Prime Minister on 24th October, discussed. 61 (49) 2.

House of Commons (Service in His Majesty's Forces) Act, 1939—
See ARMED FORCES: Membership of House of Commons.

House of Lords Reform—
Governments attitude in debate on motion to enable women who are Peers in their own right to sit and vote in the House of Lords discussed. Lord Privy Seal to take line that matter required detailed study which could not be undertaken at this stage. 47 (49) 3.

Result of Lords' debate on amended motion which had been carried by 45 votes to 27 discussed. 50 (49) 3.

King's Speech on Prorogation—
Note by Lord President (C.P. (49) 243) covering draft speech considered and approved subject to agreed amendments. 70 (49) 5.

Note by Prime Minister covering final draft.—C.P. (49) 246.

Legislative Programme: 1950—

Memorandum by Lord President (C.P. (49) 104) considered. Where policy approved work to proceed on preparation of Bills listed in paragraph 5 of C.P. (49) 104 and of the Ferries Bill and Law of Defamation Bill; Future Legislative Committee to review progress and adjust programme as necessary. 35 (49) 1.

Memorandum by Lord President (C.P. (49) 240) considered. Bills listed in Annex "A," except for Court Martial Procedure Bill, agreed as programme for next session, Legislation Committee to keep programme under review. 69 (49) 5.

Offices of Profit—

Memorandum by Lord President and Home Secretary (C.P. (49) 142) regarding certain Members of Parliament who might have prejudiced their positions by reason of Section 24 of the Succession to the Crown Act, 1707, considered. Indemnifying Bill to be introduced and Lord President to discuss with Opposition the position of members who had served on the General Medical Council before 1945. General question of bringing the law up to date to be examined by Lord President's Committee. 43 (49) 5.

Note by Prime Minister.—C.P. (49) 167.

Parliament Act, Amendment of—

Second Reading of Parliament Bill to be taken at most convenient date after beginning of July. 34 (49) 2.

Bill to be introduced in House of Commons on 27th July. 47 (49) 1.
PARLIAMENT (continued)
Parliament Act, Amendment of (continued)—
Second reading of Bill postponed. 60 (49) 1.
Prime Minister to discuss technical question of procedure with Ministers mainly concerned.
68 (49) 4.
Procedure discussed. 69 (49) 2.

Parliamentary Procedures—
Lord President's Committee to consider effect of Local Government Act, 1948, on Private
Members who wish to move amendments to public Bills dealing with local government. 12 (49) 2.
Minister of Health to make a statement about the effect of the Local Government Act, 1948,
19 (49) 3.

Private Members' Bills—
Minister of Agriculture to advise House of Commons to reject Protection of Animals (Hunting
and Coursing Prohibition) Bill and Prohibition of Fox Hunting Bill; Government's views to be
made known to their supporters. Legislation Committee to consider in what circumstances Government assistance should be given with drafting. 11 (49) 1.
Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Scotland to set up departmental committee to
examine law relating to cruelty to wild animals and Government's intentions to be
made known to promoters of Prohibition of Fox Hunting Bill. 19 (49) 2.

Facilities not to be afforded for passage of Analgesia in Childbirth Bill and Minister of Health
to make statement. 19 (49) 2.
Home Secretary to advise rejection of Censorship of Plays (Repeal) Bill on basis of detailed
defects in structure of Bill. 22 (49) 1 (1).
Home Secretary to take steps to ensure that Censorship of Plays (Repeal) Bill should not be
passed into law. 24 (49) 1 (2).
No time to be made available in 1950 Session for Private Members' Bills. 35 (49) 1.
Chief Whip to examine precedents for using Government Whip on Third Reading. 40 (49) 1.
Home Secretary to make strong appeal for rejection of Hairdressers (Registration) Bill:
Government Whip not to be applied but Government supporters to be informed that it
should not be left to House of Lords to reject Bill. 42 (49) 1.

Prorogation—
Parliament to be prorogued on 16th December and new Session probably opened on
24th January, 1950. 70 (49) 1.

Recall for Debate on Economic Situation—
Recall agreed; debate to last for three days; proposed terms of Government motion to be
considered at next meeting. 56 (49) 1.

Note by Lord President and Chancellor of the Exchequer (CP. (49) 194) considered and
terms of motion decided; Chief Whip to inform leaders of Opposition Parties and the
Press. 57 (49) 1.

Select Committee on Estimates—
Terms of Opposition motion being put forward in debate on Eleventh Report discussed.
Tendency of Select Committee to go beyond its proper functions to be watched. 70 (49) 1.

Summer Recess—
House to adjourn at 4.0 p.m. on Saturday, 30th July. 47 (49) 1.

PARLIAMENT SQUARE (IMPROVEMENTS) BILL
Opposition of Middlesex County Council noted. 69 (49) 1.
House of Lords willing to modify procedure to enable Bill to be passed before end of Session
but only if all opposition withdrawn. 70 (49) 1.
Minister of Works to arrange for Viscount Simon to be consulted regarding the most convenient
means of accepting his amendment (rejected in the House of Commons although previously
accepted by Government in House of Lords) about Buxton memorial fountain. 72 (49) 7.

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES
Note by Prime Minister.—C.P. (49) 31.

PENSION SCHEMES
Supplementing National Insurance Scheme—
See WAGES: Police Pay.

PERSIA
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary on Seven-Year Plan.—C.P. (49) 44.

PETROL
Proposed Abolition of Rationing in Australia—
See ECONOMIC SITUATION: Dollar Drain: Gil.
Rationing—
Preliminary discussion on memorandum by Minister of Fuel and Power. (C.P (49) 41).
16 (49) 6.
Further discussion on memorandum by Minister of Fuel and Power (C.P. (49) 41). Proposal
to double value of coupons for private cars for June, July and August approved; Ministers
of Transport and Fuel and Power to agree upon a comparable concession for public
service passenger vehicles. 20 (49) 2.

PIG IRON
Minister of Supply to consider possible steps to facilitate Iron and Steel Federation's negotiations
with the Indian Government for the exchange of steel for pig iron. 23 (49) 2.
POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS
Government supporter to bring forward motion urging that political organisations should publish annual statements of accounts. 70 (49) 1.

POLITICAL PROCESSIONS IN LONDON
As result of disturbances during a march of members of Sir Oswald Mosley's Union Movement on previous day steps to be taken by Home Secretary to secure the making of an Order prohibiting public processions in the Metropolitan Police District. 21 (49) 1.
No relaxation on 1st May of Order prohibiting public processions in the Metropolitan Police District noted. 27 (49) 5.

PRESS
Enquiry into Ownership and Control—Memorandum by Lord President (C.P. (49) 147) on Report of Royal Commission discussed. Report to be accepted and Lord President to announce decision in forthcoming debate. 46 (49) 4.

POST OFFICE
Recognition of Staff Associations—See under STAFF ASSOCIATIONS IN THE POST OFFICE.

PUBLICATION OF ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION
See SECURITY OF ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM.

RAILWAY CHARGES
See TRANSPORT COMMISSION: Receipts and Expenditure.

RESALE PRICE MAINTENANCE
Note by Chancellor of Exchequer (C.P. (49) 116) covering memorandum by Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Trade, on the action to be taken on report of Departmental Committee on Resale Price Maintenance considered. General conclusions of Committee agreed and discussions to be initiated with trade associations; statement to be made in the House that week. 39 (49) 5.

SCIENTIFIC POLICY
Note by the Prime Minister.—C.P. (49) 126.

SCOTLAND
Legislative and Administrative Devolution—Memorandum by Secretary of State for Scotland (C.P. (49) 251) considered and policy endorsed. 72 (49) 6.

SEA FISH INDUSTRY BILL
Not to be proceeded with. 67 (49) 1.

SECURITY OF ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM
Memorandum by Chancellor of the Exchequer and Minister of Defence (C.P. (49) 138) covering report by official working party approved. 47 (49) 5.

SERETSE KHAMA
See BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE: Chieftainship of the Bamangwato Tribe.

SINGAPORE CONFERENCE
See under SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND THE FAR EAST.

SOCIAL SERVICES IN WESTERN EUROPE
Note by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 131) covering annual report by official committee on work done to give effect to Article II of Brussels Treaty, approved. 43 (49) 8 (1).
Reciprocal Facilities for Health Services—See NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE: Use by Foreigners.

SOUTH AFRICA
Republicanism in the Union of—Note by Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations covering despatch from United Kingdom High Commissioner.—C.P. (49) 141.

SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
Singapore Conference—Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 207) on general policy considered. Proposals approved as basis for guidance of Conference subject to understanding of limitations on future financial commitments. 62 (49) 8.
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary giving account of proceedings.—C.P. (49) 244.
Sir William Strang's Tour—Note by Foreign Secretary.—C.P. (49) 67.
STAFF ASSOCIATIONS IN THE POST OFFICE
Memorandum by Postmaster-General (C.P. (49) 241 (Revised)) on policy for recognition of new associations considered and recommendations approved. 72 (49) 4.

STEEL SCRAP
Satisfactory position reported. 13 (49) 2.

SUEZ CANAL
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary on negotiations between Egyptian Government and Suez Canal Company.—C.P. (49) 64.

SUPERANNUATION BILL
See under Civil Servants.

SYRIA
Recognition to be accorded to new Government. 29 (49) 2.

TELEGRAPH BILL
Memorandum by Postmaster-General (C.P. (49) 115) on method of effecting increased rates of telephone rentals announced in Budget considered. Further memorandum to be considered at meeting attended by Chancellor of Exchequer. 36 (49) 2.

Further memorandum by Postmaster-General (C.P. (49) 117) considered. If decided to proceed with proposal to increase charges such increases to be effected by variation of contracts and not by legislation; matter to be discussed during debate on telephone charges that afternoon. 37 (49) 3.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
Development Charges—
Prime Minister to appoint small Committee of Ministers to examine principles on which Central Land Board were operating in fixing charges. 67 (49) 2.

Remuneration of Members of New Town Corporations—
Memorandum by Lord President (C.P. (49) 86) considered. No reduction to be made in salary of ordinary members, but future vice-chairmen to be paid £750 instead of £1,000 a year; Minister of Town and Country Planning, on establishment of a new town, to consider question of entrusting the work to a local authority rather than a new town corporation. 34 (49) 7.

TRANSJORDAN
Recognition of Government discussed. 4 (49) 2.

TRANSPORT COMMISSION
Receipts and Expenditure—
Memorandum by Minister of Transport (C.P. (49) 239) considered. Advice of Transport Tribunal on application of Transport Commission for authority to increase railway freight charges and dock charges to be sought. House of Commons to be informed when this had been done; general subject of finances to be handled in debate as indicated in Cabinet's discussion. Minister of Transport to arrange for preparation of three-year plan for co-ordinating road and rail transport. 68 (49) 5.

Report of—
Procedure for debate discussed. 68 (49) 1.

TRIBUNALS OF ENQUIRY (EVIDENCE) ACT, 1921
Enquiry into Allegations against Ministers and officials of the Board of Trade, &c.—
Report of Lynskey Tribunal to be available on 25th or 26th January. 5 (49) 2.

Early debate on report agreed on. 6 (49) 4.

Debate fixed for 3rd February. Prime Minister's proposal to advise Mr. Becher to resign his seat approved; Prime Minister to appoint Committee to consider how far persons were offering their services, for payment, as intermediaries between Government Departments and public and to report whether such activities were liable to give rise to abuse; Prime Minister to appoint small Committee of senior officials to report to Ministers on procedure for handling applications or representations made personally to Ministers or senior officials. 7 (49) 2.

Approved statement which Prime Minister proposed to make in House of Commons' debate that afternoon. 9 (49) 1.

TRIPOLITANIA
See under Italy: Future of Former Colonies.

TRUSTEESHIP
See under United Nations: Third General Assembly.

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
Attitude towards Yugoslavia's Candidature for Seat on United Nations Security Council—
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (continued)

Foreign Policy—
Use of "Speakers' notes" for purpose of countering Russian allegations against Western Powers advocated. 9 (49) 4.

Industrial and Economic War Potential—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary and Minister of Defence (C.P. (49) 123) discussed. 42 (49) 8.

Intentions towards Yugoslavia—
See YUGOSLAVIA.

Trade with Russia and Eastern Europe—
Some improvement in negotiations for a new Anglo-Soviet trade agreement reported. Prime Minister to ask Ministers concerned to discourage the Press from giving undue publicity to trade relations with Russia and her satellites. 31 (49) 4.

UNITED NATIONS

Election to Security Council—
United Kingdom delegation to support candidature of Czechoslovakia (rather than that of Yugoslavia). 60 (49) 3.

Publications—
Foreign Secretary to consider more uniform method of publishing documents connected with United Nations and specialised agencies. 22 (49) 3.

Third General Assembly—
Memorandum by Secretary of State for Colonies covering Report on proceedings in regard to Trusteeship and Information on Non-Self-Governing Territories.—CP. (49) 24.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Investment of Capital in Overseas Territories—
See INVESTMENT OF FOREIGN CAPITAL.

Measures to check United Kingdom dollar drain—
See ECONOMIC SITUATION: Dollar Drain: Interim Measures by United States. WASHINGTON TALKS.

WAGES

See also NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE: Stabilisation of Salaries and Wages.
National Union of Railwaymen—
See also INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: Railwaymen.
Course of discussions with representatives of Union following rejection of their recent wage claims by the Railway Staffs National Tribunal and the Joint Wages Board noted. 31 (49) 7.

Nurses' Pay—
Memorandum by Minister of Health and Secretary of State for Scotland (C.P. (49) 75) proposing increases for enrolled assistant nurses, staff nurses and ward sisters considered. Subject to concurrence of Chancellor of Exchequer, proposals agreed (including limited application of principle of equal pay for men and women). 26 (49) 2.

Policy—
Memoranda by Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 28 and 42) on main wage movements in 1948 and recent increases in wage rates granted or under examination discussed. Minister of Labour and Chancellor of Exchequer to prepare for Economic Policy Committee a memorandum on steps to forestall a fresh cycle of wage increases. 16 (49) 5.

Policy after Devaluation—
Preliminary discussion. 56 (49) 1.
Memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer and Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) '93) on steps to prevent general wage increases considered. Appeal to be made for general stand-still; discussions to be held with Trades Union Congress about increases during stand-still for poorly-paid workers; increase in rate of profits tax on distributed profits to be announced; family allowances not to be increased, subject to further review if matter pressed by Trades Union Congress. 57 (49) 3.
Statements about pay of senior local government officials and discussion on sliding scale agreements in General Council of Trades Union Congress noted. 64 (49) 5.
Foreign Secretary, Chancellor of Exchequer and Minister of Labour to discuss stabilisation of wages with Economic Committee of Trades Union Congress General Council on lines indicated by Foreign Secretary in Cabinet discussion. 66 (49) 2.

Police Pay—
Memorandum by Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Scotland (C.P. (49) 96) recommending that as from 1st July, 1949, effect be given to the recommendations in the first report of Lord Oaksey's Committee on Police Conditions of Service approved. View recorded that, in future, pension schemes supplementing the National Insurance Scheme should be on a contributory basis. 32 (49) 8.

Prison Officers' Pay—
Memorandum by Home Secretary (C.P. (49) 219 and 222) on application by Prison Officers' Association for increased pay for subordinate staffs considered. Home Secretary to refuse any increase and, if matter taken to arbitration, Government to oppose claims on economic grounds. 63 (49) 4.
WAGES (continued)
Retail Trade Wages—
Memorandum by Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 173) considered. Proposals for wage adjustments put forward by Wages Councils not to be confirmed; Minister of Labour to explain reasons to Councils concerned and to bring before Cabinet any revised proposals they might submit. 52 (49) 1.

Further consideration given to memorandum by Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 173) and previous decision reversed. Minister of Labour to approve such proposals for wage adjustments as consistent with White Paper on Personal Incomes, &c.; announcements to be made at intervals over next few weeks. 53 (49) 2.

Memorandum by Minister of Labour (C.P. (49) 238) considered. Proposals submitted by Wages Councils of Retail Drapery, Outfitting and Footwear Trades and of Furnishing and Allied Trades approved. 68 (49) 6.

Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions—
Outcome of conference on wage claim of £1 a week increase between Confederation and employers to be awaited; no intervention at present stage. 67 (49) 3.

WAR CRIMES
General Policy—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary (C.P. (49) 94) indicating line to be taken by Government spokesman in the House of Lords in replying to motion on war crimes policy and intimating his intention to try to secure early agreement on policy with the United States and French Governments noted. 30 (49) 3.

Results of discussions with United States and French Governments reported (United Kingdom proposals as set out in C.P. (49) 94 accepted with two exceptions). Proposals subject to the two amendments, to be announced in House of Lords that afternoon. 32 (49) 4.

Trial of German Generals in British Custody—
Memorandum by Secretary of State for War (C.P. (49) 73) considered. Secretary of State for War to ascertain if War Crimes court could consider whether Field-Marshal von Rundstedt and Colonel-General Strauss were fit to stand trial and, if so, to have issue put to the court at an early date: if court decided they were unfit they should be set free. Trial of Field-Marshal von Manstein to be proceeded with. 24 (49) 2.

Memorandum by Secretary of State for War (C.P. (49) 90) stating that a Field General Court-Martial had no power to decide the issue of physical fitness to stand trial considered. Lord Chancellor and others to hear evidence from doctors and make recommendations on physical fitness of Field-Marshal von Rundstedt and Colonel-General Strauss. 30 (49) 3.

Memorandum by Lord Chancellor (C.P. (49) 97) reporting unanimous conclusion of his special panel of enquiry that Field-Marshal von Rundstedt and Colonel-General Strauss were unfit to stand trial considered. Lord Chancellor to announce that afternoon that the generals were to be released forthwith. 32 (49) 4.

WAR GRAVES
Memorandum by Secretary of State for War (C.P. (49) 20) regarding final burial place of mixed remains of British and American dead considered. Imperial War Graves Commission to be informed that where ashes of British dead predominated they should be interred in British cemetery and where American ashes predominated in one selected by the United States Government. 11 (49) 3.

WASHINGTON TALKS
See also under ECONOMIC SITUATION: Dollar Drain (various sub-headings).
Brief for discussions.—C.P. (49) 185.
Memorandum by Chancellor of Exchequer on course of discussions and annexing (i) statement made to United States and Canadian Ministers about devaluation, (ii) joint communique issued at end, (iii) telegrams from His Majesty's Ambassador in Washington and Sir Henry Wilson Smith on their impressions.—C.P. (49) 191.
Commonwealth Governments to be kept fully informed of continuing talks. 56 (49) 1.

WESTERN UNION
See COUNCIL OF EUROPE.
BRUSSELS TREATY: Consultative Council.

WHALING COMMISSION
See under INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION.

WOOL
Production of woollen and worsted cloth discussed. 13 (49) 2.
Development Council for Woolen Industry—
See INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1947: Development Council Orders for woolen and clothing industries.

YUGOSLAVIA
Candidature for Seat on United Nations Security Council—
See UNITED NATIONS: Election to Security Council.
Soviet Intentions Towards—
Memorandum by Foreign Secretary.—C.P. (49) 212.