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THE DOCK  
DISPUTE.

(Previous  
Reference:  
Cabinet 8  
(24), Con-  
clusion 4.)

THE SUPPLY  
AND TRANSPORT  
ORGANISATION.

(Previous  
Reference:  
Cabinet 42  
(23), Con-  
clusion 1.)

4. The Minister of Labour informed the Cabinet that, following the breakdown of direct negotiations between the parties concerned in the dock dispute, he had invited a joint meeting of employers and employed to take place at the Ministry of Labour at 2-30 the same day. He proposed to open the meeting with a few words, after which everything would be done to explore the possibilities of a settlement.

In this connection attention was drawn to the following Private Notice Question to the Prime Minister:-

"Mr Remer:- To ask the Prime Minister whether his attention has been called to the imminence of the Dock Strike due to start on the 16th February; whether he is aware that negotiations in this matter are being seriously prejudiced by the answer given by the Minister of Health to the deputation from the Poplar Board of Guardians; and whether he will give an assurance that promises of full maintenance to people engaged in industrial disputes will not be sanctioned."

The Cabinet agreed --

- (a) That the Prime Minister should reply to the Private Notice Question to the following effect:-

"The answer to the first part of the Question is in the affirmative and to the second part in the negative. With regard to the last part, the Government will act in accordance with the law as laid down by Statute and by the findings of the Courts."

- (b) That a Committee, composed as follows:-

The Home Secretary (in the Chair),  
The Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
The Secretary of State for War,  
The Secretary of State for Air,  
The First Lord of the Admiralty,  
The Minister of Transport,

should meet at the Home Office the same evening at 6 p.m. for the purpose of enquiring into the emergency organisation in the event of a strike.