

1. SV ATTLEE SPEAKING:

[ Mr. Chairman and comrades this is a wonderful gathering on a wonderful occasion. I thank you for the welcome you have given me. ] ~~What I am thinking of this evening is the work of the rank and file of our movement (applause)~~ I am looking back to the early days of struggle, thinking what.....Hardy would have thought of this day (applause)

2. SV ATTLEE SPEAKING:

Thinking more particularly of all those unknown comrades men and women who've toiled in their day in dark days when there was little hope of an achievement like this. But whose faith carried them through. Some of those old ones have lived long enough....

3. LV ATTLEE SPEAKING:

Those who've passed away. Then let me remember all of you our good comrades here who represent our comrades in our great movement who are tonight in so many cities and counties rejoicing in this great victory. [ Now friends, this is the first time in the history of this country that a labour movement with a socialist policy (applause) ] ~~has received the approval of the electors.~~ We have a great task before us, the country has put its confidence in labour, it will not put that confidence in vain. Let us look at those tasks (CHANGE OF LENS TO GV) before us not in any way underating their difficulties but merely because we intend to conquer and overcome all difficulties.

GV [ We have first of all to finish the war with Japan (applause) and let us at this moment remember our fighting lads overseas (applause) ]

4. SV ATTLEE SPEAKING: (CONTINUATION)

And indeed our fighting men. We shall see to it that they get all the support that they need (applause)

5. SV ATTLEE SPEAKING:

~~We have our policy which we have stuck to all through the~~

~~years. Its principles are plain based on the brotherhood of man. We want the fullest co-operation with all nations. We want a security that will banish war for ever (applause)~~

W We want a widespread prosperity among all the peoples and nations, of the world. We want the fullest cooperation with all other peoples. Here at home we have our great tasks, we have to bind up the wounds of war. We have to reconstruct our ruined homes, a great task in itself. We have to bring back in due course, time allowed, the workers who have been working on war who are working for peace. We have got to build up in this country, the highest standard of life that we can achieve for all.

5. LV ATTLEE SPEAKING:

We're embarking on a very great adventure, the adventure of democracy, the adventure of civilisation, the adventure of social justice. I believe that what has been done today in these islands will give heart to all those, the world over, who believe in freedom, or believe, in democracy, who believe in social justice ( applause)

6. GV ATTLEE SPEAKING:

~~We shall need the world of all, because our is a movement which demands the co-operation of the people, not just left to the government, the people.~~

[ I have this evening accepted His Majesty's commission ( applause) ] add here

7. SV APPLAUSE AND ATTLEE SPEAKING:

I ask from you all the support that we shall need to carry us through triumphantly through difficult years, to the great era which is opening before us (applause)

8. GV BEVIN GETS UP FROM SEAT AMID APPLAUSE:

9. [ SV BEVIN SPEAKS:

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Mr. Chairman and friends, it's very nice to be here tonight

and to use our time in these wonderful congratulations on

~~this amazing victory, but I think that there are a few things  
that has emerged in this contest of which that vital importance  
to our democratic future. [ When I saw the results this morning  
and saw the majority creeping up this afternoon.~~

<sup>opened</sup>  
I had a feeling of thankfulness that the British electorate had put an end to the very consection of personal government in this country. (applause)

- 10. ~~KXKXKXKXKXKXKX~~:GV BEVIN SITS DOWN.
- 11. SV PAN MORRISON WALKS TO MIKE AMID APPLAUSE.  
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- 12. ~~SXK~~ MORRISON SPEAKS:

✓ [Mr. Chairman and friends of London-I thought as Secretary to the London Labour Party that it would be a good thing if London had a celebration tonight because I had it in my bones that <sup>there</sup> ~~it~~ would be something to celebrate about (applause) ] There was an element of risk and gamble about it, but I said let's chance it. And let the troops foregather and let us hear the candidates, especially the new Labour members of Parliament for London. I had a job in the election to keep a little eye on London, but I want to say/in <sup>that</sup> the office of the London Labour Party, I have often said it before and I say it again, we owe an enormous debt to two men and one woman and the staff Henly Atkinson (applause)

- 13. SV MORRISON SPEAKING:

He is in a tragic position (laughter) ~~KXKXKX~~

- 14. SV MORRISON SPEAKING:

And the nation is indebted to him for his leadership, but I may say so without wishing in any way to hit a man when he's down he has been a failure as a political leader in a general election. He underestimated as the Tories usually do, the intelligence of the electorate. (applause) and the electorate has taught them that the electorate of 1945 is not the electorate of 1931 or 1935. (applause) He started off with his crazy broadcasts as I called it with his Gestapo forgetting that he'd put a man at the Home Office who might have a lot to do with this Gestapo (laughter) he abused, he attacked, colleagues whom he had formerly praised, and finally he went through London.

15. SCU MORRISON SPEAKING:

So they could listen to the Tories if they ~~would~~ <sup>are capably of taking it.</sup> ~~exit~~.

And that is that we laid down the promises, we stuck to it  
We determined the issues and we stuck to the issues, and it  
was those two issues that determined the votes of the British  
people in this election.

16. GV MORRISON SPEAKING:

Let us have this boldness, let us have this good sense  
and at the end of the five years, and we must remember  
the end of the five years, it is not enough to win election  
we have to win them all, for ever (applause)

17. SV MORRISON SPEAKING:

In support of a Labour Parliament, a Labour government,  
Who, energetic, intelligent, public spirited and incorruptible  
in the service of our nation and the leadership of the world.  
(applause) and Morrison sits down).

18. SV MR. LASKI SPEAKING:

Mr. Chairman and comrades, we have won a great victory for  
socialism, but even more, we have won a great victory for  
the British people, and beyond the massive ranks of the  
British people believe me we send a message of hope to  
every democracy all over the world (applause)

19. SV LASKI SPEAKING:

At long last we have possible full friendship with Soviet  
Union (applause) At long last we are going to be in a  
position to do full justice to our Spanish comrades (applause)

20. LV LASKI SPEAKING:

We shall give no help as a Labour Government either to  
detain monarchs or to obsolete Social system (applause)

21. GV LASKI SPEAKING:

Chairman <sup>4</sup> May I as the temporary head of the Socialist Gestapo  
(applause) and laughter) say one other word, not all of  
us have been greeted with generosity in this election (laughter)  
but we at least are capable of magnanimity, <sup>61</sup> ~~not~~ the day  
when his rule as Premier draws to its close, I want in the

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name of the British Labour Party, to thank M r. Winston  
Churchill for the great services he rendered this nation  
(ap lause) as its leader (applause). ]

22. SV LASKI SPEAKING:

\* It is the ~~British people who have spoken and to thank~~  
the British people for the full maturity of British  
democracy (applause) ]

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Provisional Time Table.

<u>P.M.</u>	<u>P.M.</u>		<u>Minutes.</u>
6.30 to 6.50		Community Singing, conducted by A.S. Caiger, D.C.M.	20
7.00 to 7.05		Harold Clay (Chairman of the London Labour Party) who will hand over to Hinley Atkinson	5
7.08 to 7.39		Sixteen Successful Candidates (Two minutes each)	33

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

7.40 to 7.48		Songs or Duets (David Lloyd, Tenor, and Arthur Fear, Baritone.)	8
7.50 to 8.00		Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir	10
8.01 to 8.09		Songs, David Lloyd and Arthur Fear	8
8.10 to 8.20		Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir	10

END OF MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

8.25 to 8.40		Rt. Hon. C.R. Attlee	15
8.41 to 9.29		24 Successful Candidates (2 mins. each)	48
9.30 to 9.45		Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison	15

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