

CHURCHILL

.... "As another great Englishman Thomas Payne said nearly 2 centuries ago - 'the little matter will move a party but it must be something great that will move a nation.'

Your Excellencies, Your Grace, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen: I therefore have the honour to give you the toast of Her Majesty's ministers coupled with the name of the P.M. Mr. Winston Churchill - Her Majesty's ministers coupled with the name of the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, P.M.

- Your Excellencies, Your Grace, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen: Pray silence for the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, P.M."(applause) - (long and sustained clapping)

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"Mr. President, Your Excellencies, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen: Thank you very much for your kindly welcome - you were very right in your speech, Sir James Turner, to dwell upon the grievous loss and hardship which fell upon so many when the sea poured over our coast defences on that last night of January. They have our fullest sympathy - their adversity is our opportunity to show the neighbourliness characteristic of our race. (hear hear) At many points farmers have sustained heavy losses, and the restoration of land to productivity after being damaged by the salt sea demands action guided by the highest scientific and expert authorities.

I wish to thank you, Mr. President, for the broadminded, confident and virile spirit in which you have presented the vast and vital problems of British agriculture.

(hear hear) I, I don't think I have ever seen so many farmers together before, (laughter) and not all in their working kit. (laughter) But after all, British Agriculture is no party issue. (hear hear) It is a national issue. (applause)

It is not a question of convenience, but one of life and death for ourselves and for all we mean to the freedom of the world. Fifty Million (out) contd

FCU There is no question of choosing between food production and exports - we must have both at the highest level driven forward with the fiercest energy [But we here tonight are resolved to proclaim that the home-grown food of Britain must with great urgency be raised by 1956 to 60 per cent of what it was before the war.] That is a conviction which all political parties share, and all Britons in their senses are determined to insist on. There may be some who don't ... (laughter) but I expect you know them when you meet them, (laughter) or when you read any observations they may contribute to our guidance.

Well, we have already raised our food production by over 40 per cent. The job must be finished and finished soon, and when finished it is by no means the end, only the opening of a further task. (hear hear)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the balance between population (cut)

It is necessary first of all to give the farming industry assurance that the crops and livestock which we included in the '47 Agricultural Act passed by our political opponents - but never mind, we are all in this together (applause) - will continue to enjoy assured markets, and that the farmers will have a fair return for their exertions. The policy of H.M. Gov. is to make British farming stable, but that does not mean it should be rigid. It must be strong and free for adventure in greater or more efficient production. Our task in the second half of this century..... - everything gets more complicated as you go on - our task is to reconcile stability with freedom..... national Farmers' Union to do this by steering a midcourse between the restrictions and interference of the 40's and the hazards and the loose freedom of the early 30's (cut) (applause) (laughter) But you have a bleak and even meagre diet if you tried to keep yourself alive only by ... If we can do without them and still keep the essential basis of stability provided in the '47 Act ... they should be cut out out as far as they possibly can and as soon as they possibly can. We are seeking that sphere.. vast as it is, but throughout our

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whole sphere of government..... ingenuity of the people (hear hear) [We can
and will bring about a greater measure of freedom for Agriculture in consultation
with farmers' representatives who carry on trade and others who are now working
out the best ways and means. But no-one should lean too much on the government,
- not even on this one.' (laughter)

The earth is a generous mother, she ~~will~~ will provide in plentiful abundance for
all of her children if they will but cultivate her soil in justice and in peace.
(ap) (applause) [

COPY.

17th Feb., 1953.

Cameraman: S.R.Bonnett. Total Length: 200 ft.
Subject: Annual Farmers Dinner.
Location: Grosvenor Hotel.

Order and Description of Shots:

Several long and mid general views.

C.U.s taken in following order:

Sir James Turner, B.S.C.Agric. U.D., Duke of Norfolk, K.G., P.C.,
G.C.V.O., His Excellency Mr. N.A. Robertson, Lady Turner, Rt.Hon.
Sir Thomas, Bt., T.D., M.P., His Excellency Mr. F.W. Doidge, K.C.,
M.G., Mrs. R.J. Charlton, The Rt.Hon. The Earl of Radnor, K.C.V.O.
Rt.Hon. The Viscount Cowdray (Polo Player) Rt.Hon. The Lord Balfour
of Burleigh, D.C.L., D.L., J.P., G.T. Williams, Rt.Hon. The Lord
Hurcomb, G.C.B., K.B.E., The Rt.Hon. Winston S. Churchill, O.M.,
C.H., M.P., taken in conjunction with sound shots by Mr. Cannon.

Cameraman: Cannon.
Recordist: Irwin. Total Length: 975 ft.

Order and Description of Shots:

Part of speech, and introduction to Churchill, by The President,
Sir James Turner.

Assembled Company singing "For he's a jolly good fellow".

Churchill's speech, with various lenses, 4", 9", 17", etc.