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NEWS WARMED UP

Explanations were over. The worst was known. Reminiscent of another great hour, Britain got down to the job. Yet the nation's affairs reflected a resilient people, to whom ordinary events still mattered. At Brighton, there was time to honour a great man who also once faced a national crisis. While the party he leads talked politics, Winston Churchill received the Freedom of Brighton. A Guard of Honour of the Royal Sussex Regiment was drawn up for his inspection. As Warden of the Cinque ports, Mr. Churchill is an honorary Colonel of the 5th Battalion.

One hundred thousand people cheered the war leader as he drove through the streets on his way to the Dome.

Inside the Great Hall, the thoughts of the three thousand men and women present, flew back to 1940, when one man rallied Britain and the world.

"We find ourselves confronted with very hard times" said Mr. Churchill and concluded:-

Mr. Churchill recalled that the last time he was at Brighton was at the end of the first week in July, 1940. "I came to see the then General Montgomery, who commanded the famous 3rd Division, which was at that time spread along more than 30 miles of the coast. This was the invasion front. Invasion was said to be imminent. We dined along - a small party of four or five of us in the Royal Albion Hotel, which was otherwise almost deserted. I looked out of the window at the pier and saw Grenadier Guards sandbagging a kiosk at the end and making loopholes to repel a landing. And this was - perhaps my memory was at fault - the kiosk which in my young days I had always known as devoted to the performing fleas." (Laughter.)

Brighton's honour was symbolic. It was a people's thanks to a great figure. How great, was a matter for history.

Nottingham - Britain's great textile centre - also thought there was a time for play as well as work. While the nation's leaders were reshuffled and the same hand