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LYNSKEY TRIBUNAL OPENS

At Church House, Westminster, a judicial inquiry hears charges of alleged irregularities at the Board of Trade. Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross outlines a complicated case in which testimony is often conflicting. Allegations involve Mr. Francis Price, and Mr. Harry Sherman, a football pool promoter. Charges now being investigated centre (in all but one case) around Mr. Sidney Stanley, a stateless person, known under five different names. Around him, says the Attorney-General, the whole tangled web of this case seems to have spun.

Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade (on leave during the Tribunal's hearing) categorically denies all accusations concerning him. In appointing the Lynskey Tribunal the Government shows its determination to keep public administration above suspicion.