

OLD BAILEY RESTORED

"Hell is a city much like London in its ordeal by fire."

Slowly the buildings rise again and the City takes on its familiar shape. The North West Corner of the Central Criminal Court has been built again, and now it has been reopened by the Lord Mayor. We know it better as the Old Bailey. This plain, simple court will be the scene of many dramas, a bare room where men will seek and give justice, where the dread words of the capital sentence will be pronounced. The Old Bailey is built on the site of Newgate Prison, where a rougher justice was meted out. Outside, the figure of justice herself announces the Old Bailey to the City. Inside, the story of the City itself is told on the walls.

Remember?

The Lord Mayor of London has come to open the newly built West Wing. With him, is the Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Goddard, filmed in the Old Bailey for the first time. In spite of air attacks, there was never a day during the war when a court failed to sit at the time appointed.