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The resignation of Mr Attlee ~~shows~~ to this former Prime Minister the record of having held his high office longer than anyone else. It was the election of 1935 that saw him take over the leadership of the Labour Party --- an office which he held for twenty of the most turbulent years of ~~the~~ history..... *including* the Second World War in which he was, first, Lord Privy Seal and later Deputy Prime Minister of the Churchill Government. Differences of political opinion between these two men --- who shared the Premiership over a period of fourteen years --- were pushed into the background; and ~~it was~~ ^{IT WAS} fortunate, indeed, that colleagues of such opposing views could, in the times of crisis, speak together for Britain. In the first election campaign after the war, Labour swept into power. ~~and~~ Mr Attlee became Prime Minister: ~~and~~ ~~Mr Attlee~~; this remarkable man weathered every storm, and remained the head of his Party.

X With Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, Mr Attlee attended the meetings of the heads of allied governments after the war ~~then~~. He was, in fact, at the Potsdam Conference when Labour's election victory was announced. And in the unforgettable celebrations of ~~the~~ the time --- such as the Victory Parade in London --- it was Mr Attlee who appeared as the nation's leader, and Mr Churchill as Leader of the Opposition. ~~M~~ At the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the use of Church House, Westminster as the home of Britain's Parliament after the bombing of the House of Commons --- and at the laying of the foundation stone in the new House --- these two veterans of Parliament appeared again together. [^] Mr Attlee now retires from his labours, with the good wishes of all parties.