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FOYLES LUNCHEON.

DR. C. E. M. JOAD.

LV-"Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, pray silence for Dr. C.E.M. Joad".

Joad gets up -applause- "Now, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, you've heard Sir George Paget Thompson making the best or trying to make the best of a very bad job....trying to make the best. I envy him in his easy optimism and I wish I could share it, [but to me I think this is the greatest single disaster in the history of mankind], not excluding the invention of the internal combustion engine -and that's saying a lot."(laughter).

Lens change. "When I first heard of it I was in the country -the paper didn't arrive until half past twelve -I read about it".

SV Joad - "It put me off my lunch -I then retired to bed and read 'EMMA' -a book by Jane Austin -in case you didn't know in pretest and when I had done that instead of going to sleep,my habit is after lunch, I found myself asking a lot of questions. Will things never stop happening? That is the point about Jane Austen because that is the world in which things didn't happen."

Lens change - "The world hadn't got out of hand which things weren't rushing for destruction".

SCU Joad - "In which wars could still be waged without destroying the whole of civilization and then I said which of course is quite irrational [Will nobody ever stop the scientist? Won't somebody put him in a bag and tie him up -or into a lethal chamber - before they've completed our destruction.] Don't they know that mankind will always misuse ^{these} ~~man~~ powers in which they indulge? Know, of course, quite irrational I'm giving you clearly subject to reaction. I know of course....."

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SV Joad - ".....obviously that won't do because if I may say so without offence to the present company -scientists aren't really any wiser than the rest and I say that on the ^{authority} ~~standing~~ of a great scientist- I'm going to read you one more quotation -"

SV same lens as above. - "I could score points against Sir George Paget Thompson - they told us that the number of lives lost in great wars ~~should~~ ^{increased} did not go up with the/destructiveness -increased destructiveness of weapons. Does he really mean to suggest that as many people were killed in the days of bows and arrows? ~~.....~~ Does he really consider these

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Has he read ...?... where he will read of ~~m/~~ conclusion of a chapter describing a ~~im~~ tremendous battle in the history of Greece and ~~thence~~ there were taken up of each side five hundred and twenty of the slain and 936 of the wounded. That is the kind of ~~warlike~~ state of war in those days. All he said ~~was~~ it's now perfectly obvious....."

~~nothing is more certain than that the world is in a state of~~

SCU Joad - ".....if ~~man~~ not the scientist what about the people - now there I think ~~man~~ is the real gleam ~~ing~~ of hope on the situation. The public ~~reaction~~ of this statement - people have not just said what ~~might~~ you ~~might~~ have supposed - they haven't said merely - bigger and better bombs and thank God we've got them - they have n't just indulged themselves in gloating ~~man~~ in triumph over the number of Japanese killed by one of these things - what was it 500,000 per bomb or whatever it might have been.

[Handwritten: they have I think] - *[Handwritten: there has I think]* *[Handwritten: run thru the country an almost]* universal reaction of fear and horror. *[Handwritten: there]* A woman I ~~know~~ heard ~~the~~ lift attendant ~~was~~ at Hampstead saying on two mornings after it was announced - *[Handwritten: makes us wonder what's going to happen to ones' kiddies in 20 years time - it does indeed.]*

They know, of course, as Sir George Paget Thompson pointed out that the bomb ~~man~~ has made frontiers and ~~man~~ ..?... *[Handwritten: and]* They know ~~man~~ of

[Handwritten: think of that] ~~man~~ *[Handwritten: date]* ~~man~~ *[Handwritten: date]* they feel ~~out~~ of all the countries we hate the most to lose and the least to gain by this ~~time~~. Russia and America might survive it - we should go down in a welter of devastation directly the next war was *[Handwritten: declared]* ~~begin~~. *[Handwritten: And there]*

I think we are in a position to speak for all the small nations of the world. Now I think ~~man~~ there are moments in history - and this is one of them - ~~in~~ because we stand at a great crisis ~~in~~ ~~man~~ history - at a turning point which may decide the future of mankind for generations. *[Handwritten: man]*

Lens change - "I think that at moment like that the man in the street may be wiser than the politician because ~~man~~

LV - ~~man~~ "the man in the street is still determined by moral consideration - whereas the politician may think of using this as a bargaining counter against the Russians - or as an acid in the balance of power gains. We have the secret the Russians do not - what advantage can we take of our dire knowledge. I would suggest ~~that~~ *[Handwritten: that]* ~~view~~ would mean escape from destruction".

Lens change - "Professor ~~Elephant~~ has told me there is no reason to suppose that the ~~man~~ or any of the rest of them can get the same secret and he said two years - I think sir George Paget Thompson ~~said~~ four -

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SCU Joad - "let's call it three and split the difference and if we ^{with-hold} ~~this~~ ^{of} ~~this~~ bomb and use it as a bargaining counter in the balance/power gained - we shall stimulate them to a ...?... in the shortest possible moment and use it for the worse possible purposes... ^{hear} [And ~~this~~ I would suggest] at the most our Prime Minister could take ~~him~~ the lead -take the initiative after ~~immediate~~ consultation with the Dominion Premiers requiring a meeting of the world ~~and~~ Security Council or perhaps a ~~similar~~ ~~arrangement~~ ~~visiting~~ ~~Truman~~ ~~and~~ ~~Stalin~~ that his great predecessor did not disdain to do and there proposed ^I that the whole and complete ^I apparatus, ~~preparation~~ preparation, equipment and knowledge involved in the preparation of the Atomic Bomb ^{and} ~~and~~ indeed of all future developments of aggressive arguments should be pooled in the world Security Council. Surely that's the point. The first time in the history of mankind an international ^I security police becomes ^a ~~practicable~~ ^I proposition. Because ~~if~~ that police ^{if it} were armed with that bomb would be able to destroy immediately any nation which showed ^{any} signs of embarking ^{upon} aggressive action. ~~And~~ I'd like to see Mr. Atlee give to the world at least ~~an~~ - to speak for England and to speak for ^I mankind. Believe ^{he} ~~he~~'s quite a big enough man to do it". ^{Applause.}]

Lens change - "If not if that is not done ~~what~~ what then?

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 LV Joad - "let me give you/two or three sentences a brief account of the future of our species -the Atomic Bomb not having been disclosed

SIR GEORGE PAGET THOMPSON.

GV Sir George rises and speaks amid applause - "Chairman, ladies and gentlemen - The world ~~has~~ has just experienced the first use by man of the greatest force in nature - and has taken the form of the destruction of a large number of human beings. It is hardly to be wondered at that moralists are ~~now~~ declaiming against the wickedness of its use and against the men of science responsible for it. ~~It~~

Lens change - "but I am certain ~~that~~ they're wrong and I want to take the opportunity afforded by this lunch to explain

SV Sir George "why I feel this. There is of course the object and I think extremely cogent defence of its use in the Japanese war. It is probable that it has saved more lives ~~in~~ even among the Japanese than it has destroyed. It is certain that it has saved a great many lives of our own countrymen and still more of our friends and cousins of the United States. I believe that in itself is sufficient defence but if I want to argue it what is in a way the weaker side. Namely the long term view.

Is it a disaster for the longer term as we purchase an advantage by pledging ~~the~~ the future. Now in the first place a great many of the objectors take the view or seem to take the view that war ~~is~~ waged by very powerful weapons made more costly in lives and material ~~than~~ than war waged ~~by~~ ^{of} by the weapons they knew/when they were boys. Now I can see little either in logic or history to support this view. Wars go on until one side has had enough but ^{to put it rather more properly} ~~the~~ /either the war or the power to resist ~~until~~ until one side has been broken. ~~It~~

Lens change - "The number of men who have to die before this happens suggests very little on the nature of the weapons used.

SCU Sir George - "The weapons of this war are certainly more formidable than those in the war of 1914-18 in which we lost only a ~~third~~ third of the men. The losses in Germany in either of these two wars are much less than the losses in the 30 years war which was waged when gunpowder was in its infancy. Probably Genghis Khan killed more men than Hitler and certainly there were fewer men then living to be killed. LONG PAUSE. ~~It~~

[If which God ^{prevent} ~~is~~ there is another war and Atomic Bombs are used I do not believe that the number of people killed will/necessarily/greater

than in this war. It may ~~be~~ well be less. It is easier to protect men than ~~the~~ machinery from high explosives because it is easier to disperse them. And in the next war the objective will be the factories not the front line soldiers.]

SV Sir George - "As far as Atomic Bomb destroying is concerned that is certainly done. But perhaps it may not be ~~made~~ ^{wholly} that. [It is well to make it perfectly clear ~~man~~ ^{even} to the stupidest Dictator that war will not pay material dividends. In future no nation will ever fight for gain.] They will only fight for some cause which they consider rightly or wrongly so important that wealth, comfort and ~~man~~ perhaps even the necessities of life are well lost for it. ~~in~~ Such war may happen, if they happen they ~~must~~ will be very terrible - but at least we may hope they will not be very frequent.

SCU Sir George - "Its moral justification. ^{there's a} If ~~that~~ ^{had} way then I think the whole thing ~~had~~ ^{had} better be finished ~~completely~~ completely. [What has What's actually happened in the case of the Atomic Bomb, ~~that~~ ^{that} we have pressed ~~forward~~ forward with desperate energy a development which ^{world?} ~~would~~ ^{finish} have taken place in a few years anyhow. The object ~~was~~ ^{IV} to get it in time to ~~beat~~ the Japanese war.] To produce at least that immediate good to set against the possible disadvantages of the future. If there'd been no war I could say that ~~man~~ all physicists by this time would know that it was extremely likely that ~~you~~ if you've got enough Uranium 235 it would go off with a very ~~massive~~ ^{devastating} devastating explosion.

~~man~~ SV Sir George - It would be perfectly possible for the Govt. to turn to its own Civil Servants working in the research establishment of the fighting services or to the men in large industrial corporations - the I.C.I. - tell them to develop it, and in certain factories they could hardly refuse. So that I feel that the possibility of scientists suppressing the thing however desirable ~~them~~ it might have been is just unreal. It's just unreal unless you're prepared to cut science out altogether. Of course, ^{tell} you can't ~~do~~ - you've got to discuss this discovery in advance without (mumbles something) ~~man~~ once a discovery has been made you can only suppress it by a generalised system of suppression of all scientific knowledge until the consequences were known. And that I'm quite sure is the ~~man~~ death of science. [In my view it is much better that this weapon should have been used and its power shown now. Rather than that people of different governments

should now be working in secret not knowing quite whether what they are working on is a thing of any value -not knowing whether the other man is on the verge of getting it-just on the verge of bombing them -and might be stopped perhaps by a preventive war. All these uncertain~~ness~~ considerations are removed. Now at least we know what to expect and I believe that the knowledge will be ^{the} greatest force on the side of peace and sanity.

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Sit down amidst APPLAUSE.

CV int. ~~high level~~ good speaking. (silent)

Long CV good speaking "but to me — naked"

SCV good speaking "will nobody-destructive"

CV people listening (Dubbed) "there has I think"

SCV good speaking "run through — indeed"

CV ~~people listening~~ "they know & they think"

SCV "that of all — began."

CV people at tables listening (Dubbed)

"and here I would suggest that the whole and complete."

SCV "apparatus — internal and"

Full CV Regret Thompson. — security — practical

SCV proposition, speak for

CV ~~people at tables listening~~ "naked — it"

Good Scenes — Stand CV

Gr Joly's luncheon in progress. Prof. Paget Thompson
gets up to speak.

Scu Prof. Paget Thompson speaks:

"Of which God. — soldier's"

SV "It is well — gain"

Paget Thom speaking

Gr ~~pan people listening~~ (Dubbed) "What's

actually — happened"

Scu "has been — object."

Full Cu Good listener — smoking pipe (Dubbed)

"was to get — Japanese war."

SV "In my view — sanity"