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SHOULD HANGING GO?

The Commons suspend the Death penalty. The Lords reject this decision. Ex-Lord Chancellor Simon - puts their point of view.

Britain's depleted unarmed Police wage a daily fight against crime. An anxious public - eager to uphold deterrents to violence - is caught between this attitude of realism and the idealism of the abolitionists. Almost daily come reports of brutal assaults. A typical servant in the war against crime was Police Constable Henry Kay of Acton. Investigating a burglary, he was shot and today lies seriously injured. A few weeks earlier, Police Constable Edgar went to his death. Home Secretary Chuter Ede attended his funeral. Following the Commons decision he suspended capital punishment for all convicted murderers. The sentence on Edgar's killer was commuted to life imprisonment. Undeterred by this crime wave the abolitionists continue their fight. Their spokesman, Lawyer M.P. Sydney Silverman, says...

The question is: Does justice in 1948 still mean an eye for an eye, a life for a life.