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Samson found honey in a lion; London found a bottle and hoped it would reveal the secret of Coade's artificial stone. It's the famous Red Lion made of that stone which used to advertise a brewery and is now to mark the Festival Hall Booking Office. The 114-years-old bottle - sealed with coins - was opened at County Hall, but the L.C.C. Chairman finds only a note from the sculptor and six blank sheets of paper. The secret is secret forever.

Ernest Bevin, six years Foreign Minister, hands over office. At 70 a long spell of bad health compels the move. Though much criticised of late, friend and foe unite to honour the good work he did in the early post-war years. At a crucial point in world affairs, the old pilot hands over the wheel to the new.