

ENGLAND'S PRIME DITHERER

By Philip Ziegler
"Prosperity" Robinson: the Life of Viscount Godechich, 1782-1859.

In any competition for the title of England's dimmest Prime Minister Lord Godechich would start hot favourite.

The contempt was justified. As President of the Board of Trade he had some sensible ideas, but failed to carry them through.

As Prime Minister in 1827 he spent two weeks dithering over the formation of his Government and four months watching it disintegrate.

Godechich's greatest weakness as a politician was to see both sides of a question and, treating them like stools, to fall between them.

It would be hard to find a man less like Godechich than Sir James Graham. Godechich was affable, soft, despised by most everyone, but disliked by few.

Two factors curbed his advance. First was his unpopularity. "Graham" wrote Ashley...

In 1856 he finally rejected the offer which was the death of Peel created. "He was," he said, "quite unfit to influence the opinions and regulate the conduct of other men."

Though occasionally the narrative in "Sir James Graham" is choked with detail, J. T. Ward writes lucidly and well.

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Poets and Pedagogues

Romantics at School. By Morris Marples. (Faber. 30s.)
HAD one been a contemporary of any of the six Romantics whose school-days are sketched in a sensible style by Morris Marples, to which school would one have wished to be sent?

The six eminent men concerned would perhaps all have agreed that their educational world, no matter whether of the expensive order or the charitable, was a highly personal, individual affair.

The benevolence which found room for Coleridge at Christ Hospital a few hundred steps from St. Paul's Cathedral, "pent 'mid cloisters dim," gave him a classical teacher (and driver) who seems to have known exactly how to train a decidedly erratic boy of genius.

And after all, if Shelley had to be taught in a famous school, which could it have been except Eton, with one or two special advantages for him—the Walker lectures on scientific subjects, the art classes run by the gifted Evans family, the river and the boats?

There are indeed some reservations about the school-days of the three Romantics who have now been mentioned, and these have been renewed by hundreds of writers and lecturers since their death.

Shelley was bullied at Eton in spite of his family's distinction and affluence. Mr. Marples, it is good to see, does not take all the stories as certainties; he is more concerned with the poet's educational progress.

Coleridge in fact, as in writing, throughout his life portrayed Dr. Bover as "ultra-Spartan," who haunted his dreams even in his last years.

Mr. Marples, not altogether convinced by Coleridge's arbitrary declaration of the master, nevertheless reasons that this "suggests that not only was Coleridge a remarkable pupil, but Bover a remarkable teacher."

At least one thing about Bover which seems to have made him very suitable as the teacher of a young Romantic. He kept going two "write-in" books for the best English poems and prose pieces written by the senior boys; these are now in the British Museum.

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IN "The Distant Horns of Summer" H. E. Bates is back to his serious form again. A small boy is left lonely by selfish parents in the charge of Gilly, a kind but vulnerable 16-year-old girl.

This character tries half successfully to nudge his way into the boy's dream life and is resented for that by Gilly. When he casually deserts her, the boy wanders off into temporary danger, and the girl is seriously injured.

M. W. Waring's "The Witnesses" is a careful, air-seeming historical novel about the last years of the Russian Empire and the preliminary plotting and early confused achievement of the revolution.

The revolutionary leaders used false names in exile and committee; so we must see Lenin as "Himself" or "the Practitioner," Trotsky as "Vladek," and Keren-

£150m TO BE SPENT ON 4 AIRPORTS

PROFIT OF £12m EXPECTED
Air Cdre. E. M. DONALDSON
Air Correspondent

MORE than £150 million is to be invested by the British Airports Authority in four airports by 1971.

The airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Prestwick and Stansted, the authority disclosed in its first annual report.

Some £50 million of the £150 million will go to the development of Stansted as London's third airport, but a great deal more will be needed if another site has to be selected.

The £150 million also includes costs, estimated at £28 million, for extending London Transport's Piccadilly tube and the British Railways line from Victoria to Heathrow.

The report said that last year the value of new capital developments cost £3,400,000 to £16,200,000.

Mr. Peter Masefield, chairman of the authority, called these results encouraging. He said "in the current year and in the years ahead, the authority must invest substantially increasing capital in its airports to provide for the rapid growth of air traffic."

Mr. Masefield said that by 1980 75 million passengers a year would pass through the airports. This would rise to 100 million by the mid 1980s.

Heathrow's ultimate passenger capacity would be just over 10 million passengers a year, which will be reached in the foreseeable future.

By 1975 Heathrow and Gatwick will both be operating to capacity, and it was of paramount importance that a third London airport be ready to accept more than 20,000 aircraft movements and more than 1½ million passengers a year.

Progress was well advanced on Europe's largest passenger terminal at Heathrow. This will handle 12 million passengers a year on short-haul services.

Landing fees, which brought in over £10 million last year, have not been increased since 1961, and Mr. Masefield had no intention of raising them now or in the future.

Two members of the Women's Royal Army Corps, stationed at Mill Hill, North London, have made voluntary written statements admitting "unnatural behaviour" at their barracks.

THE complications which come to a vicar's wife slightly glamoured by her husband's actor half-brother are coped with neatly by Diana Raymond in "Front of the House."

THE plot of J. I. M. Stewart's "Vanderlyn's Kingdom" includes more violence, coincidence, and natural catastrophe than would be permissible in a thriller written by the same author under his other name, Michael Innes.

An annual prize of £1,000, to encourage original research amongst younger scientists and technologists working in Britain, is to be awarded by the proprietors of the scientific journal, the New Scientist.

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JUDGE RENEWS WILSON INJUNCTION

POP GROUP'S POSTCARD
JAMES O'DRISCOLL
High Court Reporter

FIVE members of The Move pop group—all with long hair and in a variety of dress ranging from bright mustard-coloured trousers to white frilly blouses and velvet jackets—were told by a judge in the High Court yesterday that they must stop distributing a postcard of the Prime Minister, which he alleges libels him.

Mr. Justice O'CONNOR upheld Mr. Wilson's claim for an interlocutory injunction restraining the five and their manager, from "printing, publishing, circulating or distributing" the card pending a card of the label action or until further orders.

The postcard was sent out by the group—which describes itself as "psychedelic"—to the pop world, newspapers and No. 10, Downing Street, as a commercial stunt.

Mr. Wilson did not attend yesterday's 40-minute hearing, heard in chambers. He was represented by Mr. QUINTELL HOGG, Q.C., Conservative M.P. for St. Marylebone.

The Birmingham group, which has had two records in the "Top Ten" pop music charts, did not have to go into court. They sat outside after their arrival from Birmingham in a Rolls-Royce.

They wore flower-patterned shirts above pinstripe trousers, spectacles and one member wore long, white hair.

Named in the injunction were ANTHONY SECUNDA, 26, the group's manager, and its performers, BEY BEVAN, 22; CARL WAYNE, 23; TREVOR BURTON, 18; CHRISTOPHER KEFFORD, 20, and ROY WOOD, 19.

A spokesman for the group explained that the term "psychedelic" was used to mean their music was of a "progressive nature."

OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT writes: Interlocutory injunctions to prevent further publication of alleged defamatory matter are fairly rare.

Text book on defamation, the plaintiff would suffer "irreparable injury to person or property."

THE court's power would not in general be exercised unless there was a strong prima facie evidence that the alleged libel was untrue.

Pensions for part-time teachers will be introduced on Dec. 1. Those who have completed at least one year's full-time pensionable service can then choose whether to have their part-time service treated in this way.

They can make the decision at any time, but it will not be retrospective, and cannot be revoked.

THE Department of Education and Science hopes next month to issue forms and instructions to local authorities and other employers, to enable teachers who wish to take up the option before Dec. 1 to do so.

A Department spokesman said last night it was not known how many of the 41,000 part-time teachers in State schools would qualify for a pension.

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WARDER HAD DRUGS IN HIS CAR

PRISON WARDER WHO WAS GOING FOR A YEAR FOR POSSESSING DRUGS COLLECTED THEM FROM INCOMING PRISONERS, IT WAS SAID AT SOUTH WESTERN MAGISTRATES COURT YESTERDAY.

JOHN WHITELEY, 44, of Groom Crescent, Wandsworth, admitted possessing 123 tablets containing amphetamine sulphate in his car and other tablets, including heroin, at his home.

MR. GRAHAM GRANT-WHITE, prosecuting, said detectives stopped a car being driven by Whiteley in Wandsworth after receiving information that he had a large number of dangerous drugs in his possession.

THE car was searched and a parcel containing the 123 tablets was found. Asked what they were doing in the car, Whiteley said: "Someone must have put them there."

Detectives later searched Whiteley's home and found 164 more pills and a bottle containing heroin tablets in a wardrobe.

It was part of Whiteley's duty to collect from the prison reception any drugs brought in by prisoners. He would then take them to the gaol pharmacy.

Whiteley said it was common for him to work until 2 a.m., when the pharmacy was closed. He had put the tablets in his pocket to return them the next day.

MR. AUBREY FLETCHER, the magistrate, said: "The view of the newspapers was that anything thrown at the Chinese legation could cause a great deal of danger to our people in China. You still don't understand what it was to provoke people who have already caused a lot of trouble to the police."

NO MORE MYSTERY ABOUT PRUNING! New series of supplements to cut out and keep. Part 1—Apples and Pears.

'NOBBLING CASE' MAN DISCHARGED
A car salesman, accused of being involved in a "jury nobbling" conspiracy, Kenneth Hamilton, 41, of Holly Close, Hanworth, Middx, was discharged by magistrates at Kingston-upon-Thames yesterday because of insufficient evidence.

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Members of The Move pop group in London after yesterday's hearing in the High Court. They are (FROM LEFT) Carl Wayne, Christopher Kefford, Bev Bevan, Roy Wood and Trevor Burton.

Waterman to face further charges

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER
FURTHER charges under the Coinage Act of possessing moulds and crucibles are to be brought against "Split" Waterman, a former speedway champion, and his fiancée, Avril Preston, in the stolen bullion case, Mr. JOHN WOOD, prosecuting, said at Bow Street yesterday.

SIR LIONEL THOMPSON, for Waterman, asked Det.-Supt. WAITER PATTEN when the charges were going to be made. Det.-Supt. Patten replied: "That was up to the Director of Public Prosecutions."

Throughout the 15-minute hearing, Waterman, charged in his full name of SOUPE FRANCIS WATERMAN, 44, businessman, of Elm Road, New Malden, Surrey, sat in the dock holding hands with AVRIL BEATRICE PRISTON, 38, of the Manor House Farm, Bourne End, Cranfield, Beds.

Both were remanded in custody until Wednesday.

"Lesser part" denied
They are accused of being concerned in attempting the illegal export of gold at Newhaven on Aug. 14; conspiring with others to evade the prohibition against the export of gold; receiving 26 gold bars knowing they were stolen; and unlawfully possessing a Schmeisser machine-gun.

SUGGESTIONS by Mr. IVAN LAWRENCE, for Preston, that she had a lesser part to play than Waterman in the further charges were denied by Det. Supt. Patten.

Appearing with Waterman and Preston for the first time were MICHAEL EDWARD KENDRICK, 35, company director, of Park Place, Bayswater, and IVOR BLOOM, 39, furniture manufacturer, of Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park. All four are accused of conspiring to evade the prohibition against exporting gold.

Kendrick and Bloom are also charged with being knowingly concerned in the attempted illegal export of 45 gold bars, and with receiving, on July 30, 45 gold bars knowing the gold to have been stolen.

Kendrick was remanded on bail of £10,000 and two sureties of £10,000 until Sept. 18 when the full committal will be heard. An application for Bloom, who was granted bail on similar terms, that four £5,000 sureties or one of £10,000 and two of £5,000 could be substituted was refused.

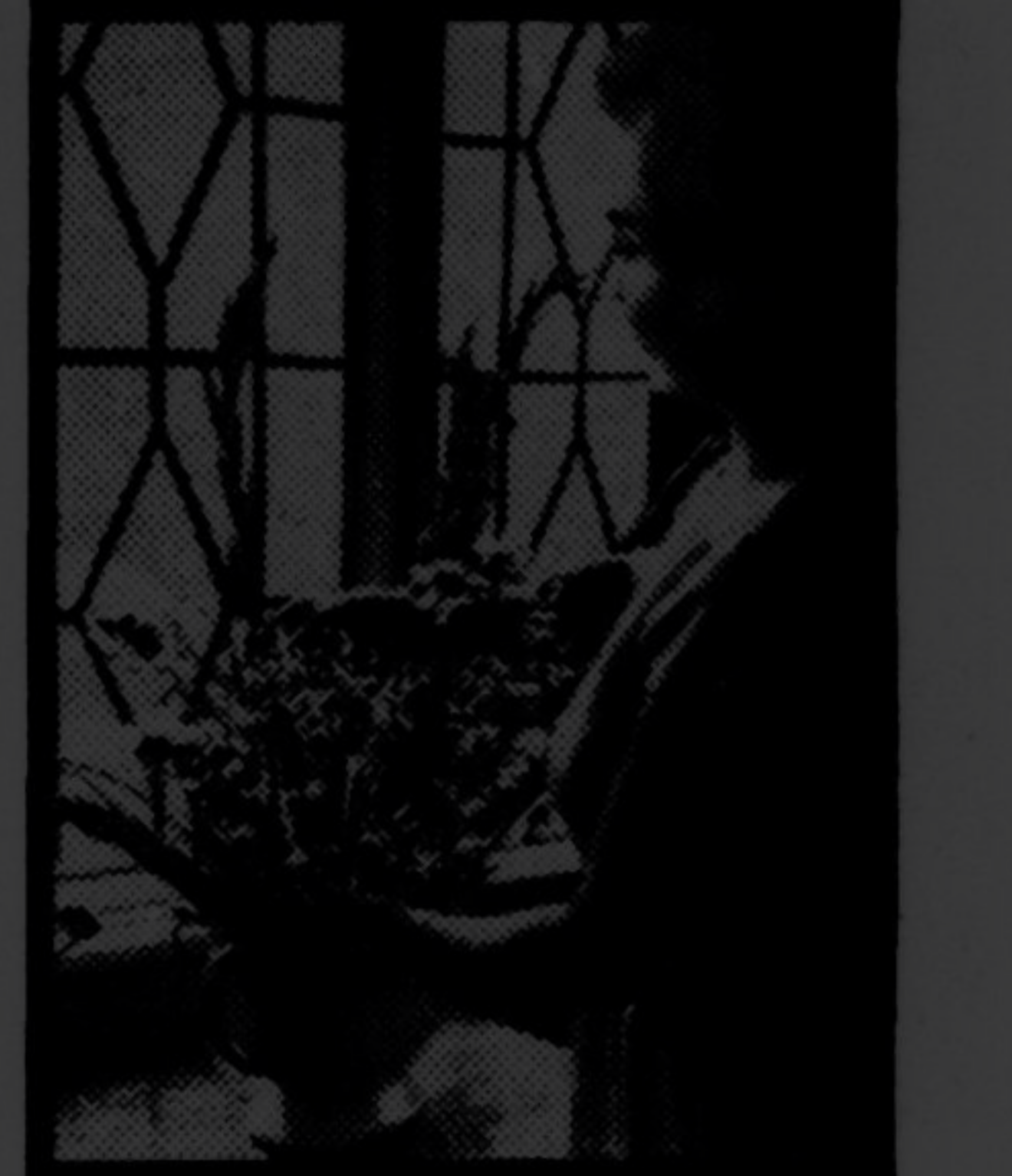
ROY NORTON, 16, of Pyrford, Surrey, who suffers from word blindness, has been accepted as an engineering apprentice by Decca and has prospects of a university place. Word blindness, or dyslexia, signifies abnormal difficulty in word recognition and spelling.

ROY'S parents were told five years ago that he would never learn to read and write, despite an IQ of 138. He was given a place at the Invalid Children's Aid Association's Word Blind Centre in London.

Discharged from the centre after seven terms but still an abnormally slow reader, he was allowed 10 minutes' extra time in his G.C.E. examinations to hear the questions read. He gained six passes at "O" level.

MISS EILEEN HILTON, the association's general secretary, said yesterday: "Experts estimate that one person in 200 is seriously handicapped by word blindness. The World Blindness Centre, the only organisation in Britain pioneering special teaching methods for dyslexia, takes about 50 pupils a year."

Her friends were shocked to hear she had cancer



THE news made them want to do something about it. They decided it was time to give what they could afford to cancer research.

THE largest single promoter of cancer research in this country is the British Empire Cancer Campaign for Research, whose task it is to finance and coordinate worthwhile research in universities and research centres throughout Great Britain.

By simply taking up your pen you could help in saving countless lives and inculcating suffering, bringing the day nearer when the world will be free from cancer.

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A Hell of Confused Identity

RECENT FICTION
"FLANN O'BRIEN" wrote "At Swim-Two-Birds," a marvellous, poetic comic, daft, intolerable book. It became a cult among the literary Irish, certain literate dons and enthusiasts for ecstatic writing.

THE author died in April, 1933, and "The Third Policeman" was found among his papers. It was written soon after "At Swim-Two-Birds" and contains themes used differently in books written later but published earlier.

THE narrator has murdered a rich old farmer on the advice of a dear friend in order to get money to publish in a mystery-leather a book about a mysterious old author called De Selva.

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By Frederick Laws
The Third Policeman. By Flann O'Brien. (MacGibbon & Kee. 25s.)

The Distant Horns of Summer. By H. E. Bates. (Michael Joseph. 25s.)

The Witnesses. By M. W. Waring. (Collins. 30s.)

Front of the House. By Diana Raymond. (Cassell. 21s.)

Vanderlyn's Kingdom. By J. I. M. Stewart. (Gollancz. 25s.)

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