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State Intelligence

Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
26th October 1965.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Ernest Stanley Rees Mackay Michael, B.A., to be Chaplain at the Chapel Royal of St. Peter ad Vincula within Her Majesty's Tower of London.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
26th October 1965.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to signify her intention of conferring a Peerage of the United Kingdom for Life upon the undermentioned:

To be a Baroness:

The Honourable Audrey Pellew, Lady HYLTON-FOSTER.

HOME OFFICE

Whitehall, London S.W.1.
26th October 1965.

The QUEEN was pleased on Thursday, 21st October 1965, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the undermentioned gentlemen:

Sir George William HARRIMAN, C.B.E.
Alderman Sir Sidney Pearson HILL, B.E.M.
Sir Albert Henry KENNEDY.

[*Her Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 12th June 1965.*]

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE

25th October 1965.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotion in the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be a Member of the First Class, or Knight Grand Cross, of the said Most Distinguished Order:

Sir John Warburton PAUL, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C., Governor-General of The Gambia.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Storey's Gate, London S.W.1.

REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES

Gas Tariffs

In accordance with the arrangements for giving the Government advance notice of changes in tariffs, the Scottish Gas Board, the Wales Gas Board, and the South Western Gas Board have brought to the attention of the Minister of Power proposals to increase their tariffs in November. The increases would amount on average to 13 per cent., 8½ per cent., and 8 per cent. respectively.

The First Secretary of State has been consulted by the Minister of Power about these proposals and has decided that it would be appropriate for the case for them to be examined by the National Board for Prices and Incomes with regard to the financial and other obligations of the three Gas Boards, and to the considerations set out in Part I of the White Paper on Prices and Incomes Policy (Cmnd. 2639). The three Gas Boards have undertaken to defer the introduction of the higher tariffs while this examination is proceeding.

The National Board for Prices and Incomes are requested to put the necessary enquiries in hand and to report within eight weeks.
20th October 1965.

REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES

Rates of Pay of Industrial Civil Servants in the Miscellaneous, Engineering and Lock-Yard Grades

The present system for determining rates of wages in the industrial civil service derives from the Fair Wages Resolution of the House of Commons of 14th October 1946, the terms of which successive governments have regarded as applicable to Government industrial employees. The system involves three elements: minimum rates; supplementary payments in various forms; and in some cases payment by results.

The method for calculating minimum rates is laid down in two agreements respectively of 24th September 1965 for non-craft grades and of 30th August 1963 for craft grades. These agreements provide for minimum rates to be reviewed at six-monthly intervals in accordance with a formula related to minimum time rates in a number of other industries. The agreements provide that the reviews should take effect from 1st April and 1st October.

Supplementary payments take the form of lead rates for the non-craft grades. These are normally