

FINAL EDITION.

D.C.S. 4.

DEFENCE CONFERENCE, 1939.

Copy No. 47

18th April, 1939.

It is requested that special care may be taken to ensure  
the secrecy of this document.

**SECRET.**

NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH DAY OF MEETING OF THE  
DEFENCE CONFERENCE HELD ON TUESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1939.

PRESENT:

NEW ZEALAND.

Delegates:

Hon. P. Fraser  
Hon. W. Nash  
Hon. F. Jones  
Hon. D. G. Sullivan  
Major-General J. E. Duigan, C.B., D.S.O.  
Commodore H. E. Horan, D.S.C., R.N.  
Group-Captain H. W. L. Saunders, M.C., D.F.C., M.M.  
Group-Captain T. M. Wilkes, C.B.E., M.C.  
C. A. Berendsen, Esq., C.M.G.  
B. C. Ashwin, Esq.  
L. J. Schmitt, Esq.  
Lt.-Col. W. G. Stevens

Advisers:

Commander A. B. Fanshawe, R.N.  
Paymaster-Captain E. L. Tottenham, O.B.E., R.M.  
Colonel O. H. Mead, D.S.O.  
H. Turner, Esq.  
Group-Captain L. M. Isitt, R.N.Z.A.F.  
Wing-Commander A. de T. Nevill, R.N.Z.A.F.  
A. R. F. Mackay, Esq.  
J. R. Middleton, Esq.  
Squadron Leader E. A. Gibson

Secretariat:

Lt.-Col. W. G. Stevens  
Lt.-Commander T. Ellis, R.N.  
Captain D. T. Maxwell, N.Z.S.C.  
Sqn.Ldr. E. M. F. Grundy, R.A.F.  
F. Shanahan, Esq.  
H. G. Nicholls, Esq.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Delegates:

Sir Harry Batterbee, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.  
Sir Harry Luke, K.C.M.G.  
Major-General P. J. Mackesy, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.  
Air-Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Advisers: Captain W. D. McN. Graham.  
Major A. H. Stafford.  
H. H. Vaskess, Esq., O.B.E.  
Lt. F. R. J. Nicholls, R.A.

Secretariat:  
G. E. Boyd Shannon, Esq.  
N. E. Costar, Esq.

AUSTRALIA:

Delegates: Colonel V. A. H. Sturdee, C.B.E., D.S.O.  
Wing-Commander G. Jones, D.F.C., R.A.A.F.  
Captain E. C. Johnston, D.F.C.

Adviser: Commander J. C. D. Esdaile, R.A.N.

Secretariat:  
Paymaster-Captain J. B. Foley, O.B.E., R.A.N.

---

The Conference assembled at 10 a.m. and discussed the arrangements for the day. It was agreed that No. 1 Committee (Strategy) and No. 2 Committee (Supply) should meet during the morning, and No. 2 and 3 (Air) during the afternoon.

The Conference adjourned at 10.10 a.m.

---