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Notes of Proceedings of the Sixth Day of
Meeting of the Defence Conference - Thursday,
20th April, 1939.

PRESENT:

NEW ZEALAND.

Delegates.

Hon. P. Fraser
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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.
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Lieut.-Col. W. G. Stevens

Advisers.

Commander A. B. Fanshawe, R.N.
Paymaster-Captain E.L. Tottenham, O.B.E., R.N.
Colonel O. H. Mead, D.S.O.
Group-Captain L.M. Isitt, R.N.Z.A.F.
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Squadron Leader E. A. Gibson.

Secretariat.

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Lt.-Commander T. Ellis, R.N.
Captain D. T. Maxwell, N.Z.S.C.
Sqn.-Leader E.M.F. Grundy, R.A.F.
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Major G. H. Clifton, M.C.

UNITED KINGDOM.Delegates.

Sir Harry Batterbee, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.
Sir Harry Luke, K.C.M.G.
Vice Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin, K.B.E., C.B., R.N.
Major-General P. J. Mackesy, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O.

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AUSTRALIA.Delegates.

Vice-Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin, K.B.E., C.B., R.N.
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.

Advisers.

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.

A brief discussion took place regarding the rate of progress of committees, and the times at which their reports might be available for the Conference. THE CHAIRMAN remarked that possibly work might have to go on over the week end; but that by Friday morning the situation regarding resumption of meetings of the Conference would be clear.

The Conference adjourned at 10.10 a.m.
