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Notes of Proceedings of the Seventh Day of  
Meeting of the Defence Conference - Friday,  
21st April, 1939.

PRESENT:

NEW ZEALAND.

Delegates.

Hon. P. Fraser  
Hon. W. Nash  
Hon. F. Jones  
Hon. D.G. Sullivan  
Commodore H.E. Horan, D.S.C., R.N.  
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.

Paymaster-Captain E.L. Tottenham, O.B.E., R.N.  
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.  
T.A. Barrow, Esq.  
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.  
Squadron Leader E.M.F. Grundy, R.A.F.  
F. Shanahan, Esq.  
H.G. Nicholls, Esq.  
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.  
Air-Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O.

(United Kingdom).

Advisers.

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:

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

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The Conference assembled at 10.10 a.m.

The position regarding the work of the various committees was explained by the respective chairmen.

It was agreed that the Conference should meet again at 10 a.m. on Monday, 24th April, by which time all committee reports should be ready for discussion. To achieve this, certain committees would meet in the evening or over the week-end.

It appeared to the Conference that its final meeting would take place some time on Wednesday, 26th April.

The Conference adjourned at 10.20 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Monday, 24th April.

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