

MONDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1973

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- 740 hours: Depart from Birmingham Airport for London.
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24th September, 1973
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MONDAY. 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1973

2030 hours:

Delegation will arrive at Heathrow Airport, London where they will be welcomed by Councillor Stan Yapp and the Town Clerk of Birmingham (Mr. W. Wood, LL.B.) following which the party will be escorted to the Strand Palace Hotel, The Strand, London for an overnight stay.

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1973

- 0915 hours: The Delegation will leave the hotel (with their luggage) and be taken on a sightseeing tour of London by car, visiting:-
- Trafalgar Square
 - The Tower of London
 - 10 Downing Street (The Prime Minister's Residence)
 - The Houses of Parliament
 - Westminster Abbey
 - Buckingham Palace
- 1230 hours: Arrive at Euston Station to catch the 1240 train for Birmingham. During the journey luncheon will be taken in the dining car.
- 1416 hours: Arrive at New Street Station, Birmingham from where the party will be taken by car to the Midland Hotel, New Street.
- 1455 hours: Leave the Midland Hotel, New Street, by car for the Civic Centre, Broad Street.
- 1500 hours: Arrive at Baskerville House, Civic Centre, for a tour of the Public Works Department's Exhibition Rooms.
- 1530 hours: Leave Baskerville House by coach for a short conducted tour of Birmingham. The route will be:-
- City Centre Development
 - Inner Ring Road
 - University of Aston
 - Aston Expressway
 - Midland Motorway Links
 - The Sentinels
 - Lee Bank Redevelopment Area
 - Chamberlain Gardens
 - Bournville Village Conservation Area
 - Metchley Grange
 - General Improvement Areas
- At the conclusion of the tour the delegation will return to the Midland Hotel for Dinner.
- 1945 hours: Leave the Midland Hotel by car and proceed to the offices of the Upper Tame Main Drainage Authority, Newhall Street, for a reception by Councillor W. E. Jarvis, President of the Trades Council and the members thereof.
- 2200 hours: Visit to Post and Mail Building, Colmore Circus, to look at photographs taken earlier in the day and afterwards return to Midland Hotel, New Street.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1973

- 0930 hours: Leave the Midland Hotel on foot for a visit to the Exhibition of Zaporozhye Photographs in the nearby Birmingham Shopping Centre.
- 1000 hours: Leave Birmingham Shopping Centre by car for a visit to the A.T.V. Centre, Suffolk Street.
- 1015 hours: Arrive at the A.T.V. Centre for a conducted tour following which luncheon will be taken at the Centre.
- 1430 hours: Leave the A.T.V. Centre by coach for Coventry.
- 1515 hours: Arrive at Coventry where a visit will be paid to Coventry Cathedral.
- 1600 hours: Leave Coventry for Stratford-upon-Avon via Kenilworth and Warwick.
- 1645 hours: Arrive Town Hall, Stratford-upon-Avon where the delegation will be received by the Deputy Mayor of Stratford (Councillor H. F. Yates) following which there will be a short tour of the town, including a visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace.
- 1800 hours: Arrive at Shakespeare Memorial Theatre for dinner in the River Terrace Restaurant.
- 1930 hours: Attend a performance of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" following which the party will return by coach to Birmingham.

THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1973

0930 hours: Leave Midland Hotel by coach for a tour of Chelmsley Wood.

Chelmsley Wood has an area of 1,570 acres of which approximately 825 acres are used for residential purposes. There are 14,300 dwellings on the estate including 1,100 dwellings built by housing associations. Development commenced in 1966 and was completed in 1971. The municipal dwellings are under the control of this City's Housing Committee and the management of the properties is undertaken by the Committee's Chelmsley Wood Area Housing Centre which is situated in the town centre. The Area Housing Centre was the first to be provided by the Housing Committee and as a result of its success a second Centre has been opened in the City and further centres are planned.

1100 hours: Arrive at the site of the National Exhibition Centre, Bickenhill, where the party will be met by Mr. R. C. Booth, the Director of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry and representatives of National Exhibition Centre Limited, following which the party will be conducted around the site.

The National Exhibition Centre, which will comprise one million square feet of covered accommodation, is designed to provide the country with an integrated purpose-built exhibition and conference complex with all necessary ancillary facilities.

The scheme is financed partly by Government Grant (£1.5m.) with Birmingham Corporation raising the balance required of £15.7m. Site work began in January 1973 and completion date for the exhibition halls according to critical path analysis is November 1975; the opening date is set for January 1976.

The National Exhibition Centre Limited (a non-profit distributing company whose board consists of four representatives from each of the City of Birmingham and the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry) has been appointed by the City as their agents to construct and run the National Exhibition Centre until 31st December, 1980.

At the conclusion of the tour, the party will be taken by coach to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry for lunch which will be given on behalf of the Chamber by Mr. L. Friedman, Chairman of the East Europe Export Committee.

1430 hours: Leave Chamber of Commerce and Industry by coach for Imperial Metal Industries Limited at Witton.

1445 hours: Arrive at Imperial Metal Industries Limited for a tour of the factory.

THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1973 (continued)

- 1630 hours: Leave Imperial Metal Industries Limited for the Midland Hotel.
- 1730 hours: Leave Midland Hotel by car for the Council House.
- 1745 for
1800 hours: Attend a private dinner party to be given by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Marjorie A. Brown.
- 1920 hours: Leave Council House on foot for the Town Hall.
- 1930 hours: Attend a Civic Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra for invited guests and afterwards return to the Council House for a Civic Reception.

At the conclusion of the reception the party will return by car to the Midland Hotel.

FRIDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1973

- 0920 hours: Leave Midland Hotel by car for New Central Library.
- 0930 hours: Arrive at New Central Library in the new Paradise Circus development for a short tour of the building.
- 1030 hours: Short conducted tour of inspection of the adjoining School of Music.
- 1105 hours: Arrive on foot at the nearby Museum and Art Gallery where the party will be shown the various exhibits.
- 1205 hours: Leave Museum and Art Gallery by car from the main entrance to the Council House for Fort Dunlop, the tyre factory of Dunlop Limited.
- 1230 hours: Arrive at Fort Dunlop where, following luncheon, there will be a conducted tour of the factory.
- 1630 hours: Leave Fort Dunlop by car.
- 1715 hours: Arrive at Head Post Office, Royal Mail Street, which constitutes the largest mechanised postal sorting office in Europe, for a short tour of the building at the conclusion of which a buffet dinner will be served.
- 1940 hours: Leave Head Post Office by car for the Repertory Theatre, Broad Street.
- 2000 hours: Attendance at a performance of the musical show "Guys and Dolls" at the Repertory Theatre at the conclusion of which the party will return by car to the Midland Hotel.

SATURDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1973

- 1030 hours: The party will be accompanied by the Lord Mayor on a shopping tour in the City Centre at the conclusion of which they will return to the Midland Hotel for lunch.
- 1245 hours: Luncheon at the Midland Hotel.
- 1415 hours: Leave Midland Hotel by car for St. Andrew's Football Ground.
- 1445 hours: Arrive St. Andrew's Football Ground.
- 1500 hours: Attend First Division Football League Match between Birmingham City and Ipswich Town.
- At the conclusion of the match the party will return by car to the Midland Hotel.
- 1845 hours: Leave Midland Hotel by car for the Council House.
- 1900 for
1930 hours: Lord Mayor's Dinner for the delegation at the Council House at the conclusion of which the party will return by car to the Midland Hotel.

SUNDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1973

0930 hours: Leave hotel by coach for an all day tour to the Elan Valley, the site of Birmingham's main reservoirs.

The reservoirs in the Elan and Claerwen Valleys are the main source of water supply for Birmingham. The four reservoirs, when full, impound approximately 21,000 million gallons and have a reliable yield of 75 million gallons per day. The water is filtered and treated with lime, chlorine and sodium silicofluoride before it enters the 72 mile long aqueduct which carries it the whole distance to Birmingham by gravity.

1100 hours: Coffee at Leintwardine.

1300 hours: Arrive at Elan Valley Hotel for Lunch, to be given by Alderman D. Johnstone, J.P., Chairman of the Water Committee.

1415 hours: Leave Elan Valley Hotel for a tour of the dams, reservoirs and treatment works belonging to Birmingham Corporation.

1615 hours: Return to Elan Valley Hotel for tea.

1700 hours: Leave Elan Valley Hotel.

1930 hours: Arrive Raven Hotel, St. Andrew's Street, Droitwich, for dinner.

2100 hours: Leave Droitwich for Midland Hotel, Birmingham, via the M.5. Motorway.

2200 hours: Arrive Midland Hotel.

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