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FRIDAY, 24 MAY, 1940

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Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1940.
 Torquay Cemetery Act, 1940.
 Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Act, 1940.
 Wessex Electricity Act, 1940.
 Commercial Gas Act, 1940.
 Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Act, 1940.
 London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1940.
 Northallerton Urban District Council Act, 1940.

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Treachery Act, 1940.
 National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1940.

Lord Chamberlain's Office,
 St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
 24th May, 1940.

Notice is hereby given that the appointment of a day for the celebration of the King's Birthday in 1940, in so far as this affects the Customs and Excise Department and the officers and servants of the Dock Companies in England and Northern Ireland, is cancelled.

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN ACT, 1937.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the above mentioned Act, it is hereby notified that the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., was appointed Lord President of the Council on the 12th May, 1940, and remains a Member of the Cabinet. The Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee, M.P., was appointed Lord Privy Seal and became a Member of the Cabinet on the 12th May, 1940.