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STATE INTELLIGENCE

Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
4th November 1960.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to Her Majesty's Household:

To be an Extra Lady of the Bedchamber:
The Marchioness of Abergavenny.

To be a Woman of the Bedchamber (temporary):
Lady Susan Katharine Hussey.

To be an Extra Woman of the Bedchamber:
Mrs. John Dugdale.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Eric William Bradley Cordingly, M.B.E., Rector of Stevenage, to be a Chaplain to Her Majesty in the room of the Right Reverend John Henry Lawrence Phillips, M.A., Bishop of Portsmouth, resigned.

Home Office,
Whitehall, London S.W.1.
4th November 1960.

The following Addresses were presented to The QUEEN by the Mayor of Croydon and the Chairman of the Governors of the Technical College on the occasion of the opening by Her Majesty of the Croydon Technical College and the Croydon College of Art on the 2nd instant:

May it please Your Majesty,

It is my privilege to speak for the 250,000 people of Croydon and to offer to you, Madam, and to His Royal Highness, their loyal and loving welcome to this town.

We were indeed happy when we learned that you both had kindly consented to visit us and to come to Croydon in the year of its Millenary.

It is, in 1960, a thousand years since the Priest of Croydon subscribed his name as witness to the will of a Saxon thane and so documented our claim to a millenium of recorded history. An Archbishop of Canterbury was also a witness to that Saxon will and, to this day the Archbishop is Lord of the Manor of Croydon. It is true, Madam, that we should be hard put to find the Manor for His Grace but it is our pride that this ancient link with the See of Canterbury continues to this day.

When Croydon was a quiet town in Surrey it was the country seat of the Archbishops and they were visited at Croydon Palace by many of the sovereigns of England. There are many places in England who claim that "Queen Elizabeth slept here". Croydon is unique in being able to say it and prove it. Not only can we show you the Queen's Bedchamber at the Archbishop's Palace of Croydon, but we can document our claim to fame by citing State papers given under the Queen's own hand and despatched from the town of Croydon. But until this happy day we have never been visited officially by the reigning monarch and truly, Madam, your gracious presence here today sets a royal seal on our long history.

We have another link with Your Royal House which will be nearer to your heart today. At the famous Airport from which the name of Croydon was carried all over the world, your late beloved father trained as an air pilot and there received his pilot's wings.

In the name of every man, woman and child of Croydon I thank you for coming among us today, and I wish for the continued health and happiness of your Royal Person, of His Royal Highness and of all your family.

I now call upon the Chairman of the Governors of the Technical College to invite you, Madam, to open these Colleges.

May it please Your Majesty,

Although this building is the newest and, we think, the best technical college in the country, technical education is no new thing in Croydon. As long ago as 1838 in the second year of the reign of Queen Victoria, the Croydon Literary and Scientific Society opened classes in science and philosophy to its members and to this we trace the beginning of adult education in our town.

Seventy two years ago, the curate of Croydon Parish Church organised technical classes for artisans. His students paid a penny a week for each subject studied, and this reasonable sum covered not only their tuition but their use of tools and materials.

These modest beginnings led the Croydon Corporation, after two years, to vote £3,000 to establish a Polytechnic and in 1891, the classes founded by the curate of the parish were housed in a building opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury. We do not know whether the curate was later as successful as his classes but it is fitting that the name of the Reverend Oakley Coles should be remembered and honoured in this hall today. It is fitting too that the name of Denning should be remembered, for the Denning Hall in which we are now assembled is a gift to Croydon from the will of Mrs. Denning, widow of Alderman Denning who was Mayor of Croydon from