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TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH 1966

State Intelligence

Buckingham Palace.
11 March 1966.

This day had Audience of The QUEEN:

His Excellency Doctor Josef A. Schöner, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Doctor Johannes Schwarzenberg, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Austria.

Rating Act 1966. (c. 9)
Commonwealth Secretariat Act 1966. (c. 10)
Air Corporations Act 1966. (c. 11)
Post Office Savings Bank Act 1966. (c. 12)
Universities (Scotland) Act 1966. (c. 13)
Covent Garden Market Act 1966.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

HOME OFFICE

Whitehall, London S.W.1.
15th March 1966.

The QUEEN was pleased on Friday, 4th February 1966, at an Investiture held at Government House, Georgetown, British Guiana, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon:

Sir Lionel Alfred LUCKHOO, C.B.E., Q.C., Commissioner for British Guiana in the United Kingdom.

[Her Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 1st January 1966.]

BILLS RECEIVING ROYAL ASSENT

House of Lords,
London S.W.1.
10th March 1966.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that the Lords authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, to desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read, and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, Empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:

Appropriation Act 1966. (c. 3)
Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Act 1966. (c. 4)
Statute Law Revision Act 1966. (c. 5)
National Insurance Act 1966. (c. 6).
Local Government (Pecuniary Interests) (Scotland) Act 1966. (c. 7)
National Health Service Act 1966. (c. 8)

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
London S.W.1.

REDEMPTION AND CONVERSION OF 5% DEFENCE BONDS

The Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Prospectus for 5% Defence Bonds dated 1st May 1958, that Bonds purchased in the period 16th February 1959 to 15th August 1959, will be repaid at the rate of £103 per £100 on 15th August 1966, unless the holders accept an offer of conversion into 5% National Development Bonds (Second Conversion Issue). Interest on these 5% Defence Bonds will not be paid in respect of periods after 15th August 1966.

Holders of the 5% Defence Bonds concerned will be invited to exchange their holdings, in whole or in part in multiples of £5, into 5% National Development Bonds (Second Conversion Issue) on 15th August 1966 at the rate of £5 of such Bonds for each £5 of Bonds tendered. Holders who accept the offer of conversion will receive a final interest payment of six months' interest at 5% per annum on 15th August 1966, together with the premium of 3% on Bonds exchanged. A first interest payment on the Second Conversion Issue Bonds will be made on 15th February 1967 in respect of the period from 15th August 1966 to 14th February 1967. The terms of the new Second Conversion Issue Bonds will be the same as those of the 5% National Development Bonds (Second Issue) currently on sale except that interest will be payable on 15th February and 15th August.

The full conversion terms will be given in the Prospectus and Notice which will be sent on 18th March 1966 to holders, or in the case of joint holdings the first named holders, together with forms of request for conversion and forms of authority for repayment for the use of holders who do not accept the conversion offer. Holders should signify their intentions by completing the appropriate form and returning it together with their Bond Book(s) to the Director, Post Office Savings Department, Stock Branch, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs, or to the Trustee Savings Bank at which the Bonds are held, as appropriate. The list of acceptances of the conversion offer will be closed on 15th April 1966.