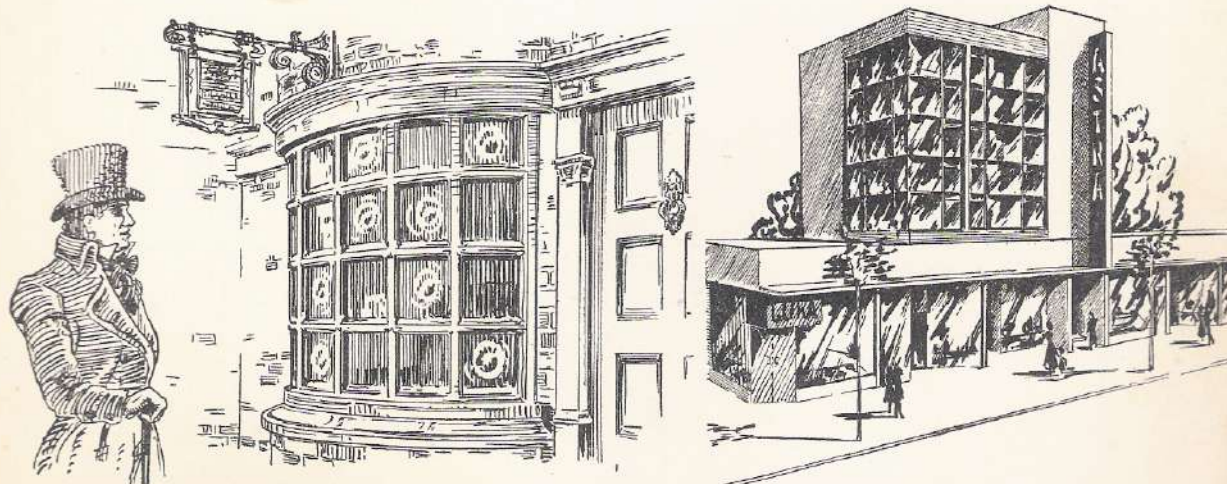




The National Chamber of Trade
GUILDHALL BANQUET





BANQUET

AT THE GUILDHALL

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Wednesday, 11th October, 1961

President

STANLEY W. PERRING

In the Chair



3, Hyde Park Place, London, W.2

WHATEVER may be the ultimate shape of our economic development in the future, it is quite clear that all should recognise to the full the extraordinarily difficult conditions in which these problems will have to be resolved.

In distribution, as in other walks of life, the world seems to be getting smaller and we are called upon to know much more of the the products and the methods of living of our neighbours, both far and near. Particularly is this so at the present moment when we are all trying to find out what the effect of this country's entry into the European Common Market would be, and in this consideration we must be mindful of our very close relatives scattered throughout the Commonwealth.

The increased competition which a shopkeeper must now meet is such as to make him examine much more carefully the structure as well as the day-to-day operation of his business. In the wide overlapping of trades which is taking place today the province of the specialist is much more difficult to maintain and this may well lead to trade organisations, such as the National Chamber of Trade, being called upon to give much more specific information to help shopkeepers in the day-to-day running of their businesses. That being so, it may be assumed that this Chamber will adapt its policy and methods in order to continue to give this desirable service to its members.

The National Chamber stands for healthy competitive trading by individual enterprise and insists upon the responsibilities as well as the rights attaching thereto. It therefore seeks to secure proper recognition for traders as a stabilising and progressive element in our national life.



MENU

Punch: Birchs

Madeira: Old Custom House Sercial

Rhine Wine: Deinhard's Liebfraumilch (Hanns
Christof Wein) 1959

Claret: Chateau Rauzan Gassies 1955

Champagne: G. H. Mumm Cordon Rouge 1953

Port: Graham's 1945

Brandy: Hine Liguers

CLEAR TURTLE

RIVER TROUT BEURRE NOIRE

SUPREME OF PHEASANT
WALNUT AND MADEIRA SAUCE
DAUPHINE POTATOES
BRAISED CELERY

APPLE TANSY
HONEYBREAD CAKES

DESSERT

COFFEE

GRACE

(Sung by all present)

For these and all Thy mercies given
We bless and praise Thy name O Lord:
May we receive them with thanksgiving,
Ever trusting in Thy Word.
To Thee alone be honour, glory,
Now and henceforth for ever more, Amen.

From the "Laudi Spiritual" A.D. 1545.



TOASTS

THE QUEEN

QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER
THE PRINCE PHILIP DUKE OF EDINBURGH
AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

THE LORD MAYOR, THE CORPORATION OF LONDON
AND THE SHERIFFS

Proposed by THE PRESIDENT, STANLEY W. PERRING

Response by THE RT. HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON,
SIR BERNARD WALEY-COHEN

HER MAJESTY'S MINISTERS

Proposed by ROBERT BRADSHAW, J.P.
(*Chairman of the Board of Management*)

Response by THE RT. HON. VISCOUNT KILMUIR, G.C.V.O.
(*Lord Chancellor*)

OUR GUESTS

Proposed by LEONARD BLOOMFIELD, O.B.E.
(*a Past President of the National Chamber of Trade*)

Response by THE RT. HON. THE LORD BISHOP OF LONDON
Dr. R. W. Stopford, C.B.E., D.D., B.C.L.



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OBJECTS of the CHAMBER

THE National Chamber of Trade is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. It was inaugurated in 1897 and incorporated in 1925, and thus has been established for sixty-four years.

The objects of the National Chamber, as laid down in its Memorandum of Association, include, *inter alia*, the following:—

To establish and support or to aid in the establishment and support of any Chambers or Associations formed for all or any of the objects of this Chamber and not for the profit of the members thereof, and to affiliate them to this Chamber.

To petition Parliament on any matter affecting traders or the interests of members of this Chamber.

To prepare, promote and support in Parliament, Bills affecting traders or the interests of members of the Chamber, and to oppose Bills or measures which in the opinion of the Chamber are likely to prove injurious to traders or those interests.

The National Chamber is truly representative and democratic throughout. It relies entirely upon the financial support of its affiliated organisations and individual members, and is and always has been absolutely independent of any extraneous influences from outside bodies, newspapers or political parties.



GUILDHALL

THE CENTRE of civic government for more than a thousand years. The foundation of the present Hall, as seen in the crypt, was commenced about the year 1411, and the Great Hall itself was completed by 1440.

Two major conflagrations have devastated large areas of the City, in 1666 and in 1940, but the crypt, porch and mediaeval walls of Guildhall emerged from the flames on both occasions without irreparable damage. The roof has twice collapsed, a mass of burning timber, on the floor beneath.

The wooden-arched roof with dormer windows, destroyed in 1940, has been replaced by a stone-arched roof and clerestory windows to the design of Sir Giles Scott. The new glazing incorporates the names of the Mayors of the City, and the arms of the Livery Companies form a high colourful frieze. The giants Gog and Magog, the galleries and panelling have been renewed and the monuments repaired. The restoration was completed in October, 1954.

Major works of restoration of the crypt have been undertaken and completed in June, 1961.

The banners are those of the twelve Great Livery Companies, viz.:

<i>(facing the dais)</i>	Mercers	Grocers
	Drapers	Fishmongers
	Goldsmiths	Skinners
	Merchant Taylors	Haberdashers
	Salters	Ironmongers
<i>(over gallery)</i>	Vintners	Clothworkers

The Common Council, as a result of the destruction of its own Chamber, now deliberates in Guildhall, the original meeting place of the early administrative assemblies of citizens in their Great Congregations of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Here, each year, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs are elected by the Liverymen meeting in Common Hall.



PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

THE ORCHESTRA OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS

*By permission of Colonel A. G. Way, MC., Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the Regiment
Director of Music Captain Rodney Bashford, LRAM, ARCM, psm.*

March	"GLOBETROTTERS"	<i>Leopold</i>
Tunes from	"THE MUSIC MAN"	<i>Willson</i>
Suite	"THREE LIGHT PIECES"	<i>Fletcher</i>
Selection	"LA TRAVIATA"	<i>Verdi</i>
Waltz	"OVER THE WAVES"	<i>Rosas</i>
Suite de Ballet	"COPPELIA"	<i>Delibes</i>
Selection	"THE SOUND OF MUSIC"	<i>Rodgers</i>
Entr'acte	"SAILORS HOLIDAY"	<i>Martell</i>
Tunes from	"SHOW BOAT"	<i>arr: Rapley</i>
March	"SONS OF THE EMPIRE"	<i>Olsen</i>

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