

Evidence of Dr. D. A. Whylock (Dept. of Chemistry)
relating to the 'Inch Affair'

- ① I entered the lecture room at approx. 4-30. Dr. Tillet was near the end of his introduction of the speaker. Almost all of the seats were occupied.
- ② The meeting went no further because a large number of people entered by the side door. Dr. Bowden and Dr. Tillet were patently unhappy about this mass influx, and made sporadic attempts to limit the numbers entering, saying that the room was now overcrowded. They were overruled by others in the room shouting to the effect that there was still plenty of room.
- ③ When the insurge of people abated, Dr. Bowden asked the latecomers to remember that they were "guests of the Chemical Society." Dr. Tillet then said he had better introduce Dr. Inch once again, and went on to do this.
- ④ Mr. Triesman started reading an indictment, to the effect that the students would not allow the lecture to take place and giving reasons for their actions.
- ⑤ During the reading of the indictment, some banter or heckling ensued during which Mr. Gonzales* shouted at a member of the audience, in what seemed a menacing fashion, "Shut up, you fool, and listen."
- ⑥ After a few minutes, Dr. Tillet had a short discussion with Dr. Inch, after which they made to leave the room. There was a shout by a non-chemistry student "Dr. Inch is leaving" but he was being obstructed from doing so.

I made my way towards the side door through which Dr. Inch was attempting to leave, and arrived in time to hear Mr. Orchard shout something about mustard gas whereupon he threw mustard over Dr. Inch. Professor Gordon asked for his name and he gave it.

⑧ I made towards the Chemistry Dept. in the wake of Dr. Inch. A large crowd blocked the passage, and so I went downstairs past the kitchens to the Chemistry Dept. I stayed near the main door of the Dept. until a distressed Dr. Bowden appeared. He told me Dr. Inch was blocked in amongst the crowd upstairs.

⑨ I took it upon myself to phone for the Dean of Students. He was unavailable.

⑩ I returned to the main door and after some time the Police arrived. I followed ~~after~~ them after about two minutes and could see only the barricade of students. More Police arrived while I was up there, and the students ^{on the fringe} sat down in the passage. The Police clambered gingerly over these students to get to Dr. Inch.

⑪ Eventually the started pouring out of the corridor in my direction. Many were making remarks to the effect of not allowing Dr. Inch to get away. Miss V. Beechey* was one of ~~the~~ crowd who was shouting to this effect.

⑫ I went outside the Dept. and saw a police car drive away. A large crowd of students gathered round the remaining Police. They were being jeered at, and appeared to be being abused to some extent. For example, I saw one student deliberately knock a Policeman's hat off.

2) The police eventually left, and the students walked back towards the Valley. Mr. C. Rogers was prominent in the group walking back. He was outstanding in this group because he seemed particularly pleased with himself.

* I had to refresh my memory about the names starred in my account by later asking Mr. Roy Butler for details of the evidence I gave him on the morning after the incident.