

Chairman: With regard to what went on in the meeting room, I gather you didn't see much of the subsequent happenings?

Lewis: I left Dr. Inch just before he got surrounded.

Chairman: You describe the entry of the demonstrators and ~~then~~ the two interchanges as you call them, the fact that this was a Chemistry Department meeting and the fact that the room was full. First of all, who do you remember making those objections?

Lewis: I couldn't exactly say who it was, it was either Dr. Bowden or Dr. Tillett. These are the only two I remember talking to the demonstrators at the time.

Chairman: Do you have any recollection of whether Dr. Tillett or ~~Bro~~~~Bowden~~ was the more eager to keep the demonstrators out or to restrain the flow?

Lewis: I wouldn't say that either was particularly interested in keeping the demonstrators out other than at the one point the room was over full and there was a slight scuffle between Dr. Tillett and one of the demonstrators. They were guests of the Chemistry Department and there was no objection to them being there providing they behaved themselves.

Chairman: But you can't say who was taking the greater part?

Lewis: No.

Chairman: I have ringed a point in your evidence where you say that "We decided to remove Dr. Inch"

Lewis: Well, where I use "we" there it would probably be better to say that "it was decided to remove Dr. Inch". I was at the front where the decision was made. It was pretty much a unanimous decision. Something had to be done to get Dr. Inch out and the meeting could no longer be helped.

Chairman: When you were taking part in the discussion which led to his going what did you say?

Lewis: Well I was saying things. ^{Whether} ~~Whether~~ anyone was listening or not I don't know.

Chairman: But among your fellow members of the Chemistry staff or to the meeting generally?

Lewis: Amongst the members of the Chemistry staff.

Chairman: Would you say it was more accurate from what you heard of the conversations to say that the members of the Chemistry staff decided that they ought to take Dr. Inch out and he agreed or that he asked to leave?

Lewis: I wouldn't be able to distinguish because at that point I didn't talk to Dr. Inch at all.

Chairman: The impression we have got from the reading of the indictment is that it was started by one student and it was continued by a girl and in fact it was started again by another student but during this there were one or two comments made by, presumably, members of the Chemistry Department and one or two as it were counter-comments made by demonstrators, but that otherwise the reading was conducted in silence?

Lewis: I would say in general that it was in silence except that it was rather loud.

Chairman: Coming to the time that you decided to remove Dr. Inch, I want you to try and recall his progress and how he managed to get out. You said that the door was blocked by sitting people?

Lewis: Yes. As it was announced that we were moving Dr. Inch out somebody shouted "sit down" and probably three or four

people sat in the doorway immediately in front.

Chairman: Do you remember that when the indictment was being read, were there a number of demonstrators standing in the doorway ^{heard.} not able to get ~~in~~. I question you further about this because its the first time we have really heard about it. You have a definite memory of at least three people sitting down?

Lewis: The demonstrators were standing in the doorway because they couldn't get into the room.

Chairman: ~~Was~~ there any further positive moves made by demonstrators to stop Dr. Inch apart from the fact that they were crowding the doorway. Was it an obstruction, or were there attempts made to stop him, or to stop people helping him?

Lewis: I would say that there were physical attempts made to stop people moving but they were just standing in between myself and the doorway and I was pushed several times from side to side.

Chairman: I am trying to distinguish between pushing and a more violent assault. Obviously, if a lot of people ^{are} ~~were~~ standing in the doorway and those people don't want to let someone through, purely by continuing to stand or sit there, they may be able to achieve their object.

Lewis: It wasn't quite as peaceable as that.

Chairman: Any particular acts, less peaceable acts, that you remember?

Lewis: No. It was all rather blurred. ~~Progress~~ was very slow getting out. From the lecture room and then up to where one goes up to the Common Room, through this doorway, Dr. Inch was at the front and most of the demonstrators were behind and at this point it was almost likely that Dr. Inch would have been able to go ahead except that at that point I was definitely pulled back and Dr. Inch was held back.

Chairman: Which point are you referring to? By the staircase?

Lewis: By the staircase, between M10 and M11.

Chairman: What we have heard from one witness is that Dr. Inch was leading the way with members of the Chemistry staff and demonstrators behind him. They got to the bottom of the staircase and was then questioned for a short time by one demonstrator, namely Collin Rogers, which allowed other demonstrators to move into M.11.

Lewis: I would put this a little differently. I was in between the doorway of M10 and M11 with Dr. Inch and Dr. Inch was held back and at this point I was separated and pushed forward into M11 and the demonstrators poured round in front of Dr. Inch.

Chairman: You saw Dr. Inch being physically detained.

Lewis: He was slightly in front of me in the doorway and could not move forward.

Chairman: Were you prevented from continuing by people in your way or by some ^{more} direct form of detention?

Lewis: At the time I was trying not to get ahead of Dr. Inch and

finally I was pushed ahead through the door, and was separated from Dr. Inch.

Chairman: Were you still in M11 when Dr. Inch came through?

Lewis: No. I was pushed out into the corridor. Leaving the doorway I was separated and I did not see him again.

Chairman: Do you know how it came about that Dr. Inch didn't go through the M10-M11 door?

Lewis: No I don't.

Chairman: Do you remember if any other members of the Chemistry staff were in the same predicament as you, being cut off from Dr. Inch?

Lewis: At that time, no I don't. I don't remember anything other than Dr. Inch being just in front of me and there were members of the Chemistry staff but I can't remember exactly where or what they were doing.

Chairman: Going back to the meeting room, you ^{say} that it was about this point that the police were called. Have you any clear memory how it came about that the police were called.

Lewis: No I haven't.

Chairman: What makes you say this?

Lewis: When we were moved through from M17 to M16 the police had been called.

Chairman: Do you remember Dr. Tillett being around at the time?

Lewis: No, I don't remember.

Chairman: Do you have a clear memory that it was about that time when you were between M16 and M17 rather than at a later time when you had been pushed into the corridor?

Lewis: The time I got from to M16 and M11 was very short.

Chairman: But when you say that you heard about the police being called back there, you feel that that is a clear memory?

Lewis: I am reasonably confident about this.

Chairman: It appears that the Wyvern photographer was not a man named David Lewis.

Lewis: There was a photographer and he made comments about me getting in the way of his camera.

Chairman: But you are not sure of his name, 'David Lewis'.

Lewis: I assume that it was Lewis.

Chairman: In your evidence you refer to it being pointed out that the meeting was no longer a Chemical Society meeting but a meeting within the Chemistry Department. Could you say of what significance of this is?

Lewis: I don't know whether there is a difference.

Chairman: But some people have interpreted this to mean that the meeting was formally open and now closed.

Lewis: I wouldn't put any interpretation upon it.

Raissland: Its a small point, but can't you help us with who said it?

Lewis: I don't know.

Lewis

~~Reissland~~

This morning there was a witness who was talking about a pair of glasses. The following morning I was next to the porters' desk when Dr. Bowden handed the glasses in and they most certainly were not with the lenses folded parallel.

Reissland:

Were they damaged in any way at all.

Lewis:

Not that I could see.

Chairman:

That was the next morning. Lewis: Yes.

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Chairman:

If you want to refer to your written statement it is No. 36 in the bundle. Dr. Bowden, I have been giving a general ~~statement~~ ~~examination~~ to a number of witnesses just reminding them of the importance of distinguishing between hearsay and what you have seen and obviously between what is fact# and your opinion about a particular incidence. I think we must start with your activities on the afternoon of May 7th. You were told about the change?

Bowden:

I was told about the change by Dr. Tillett first.

Chairman:

You said you concurred in it. Did he in fact give you any reasons why this decision had been taken?

Bowden:

The reasons he gave me were that he had reason to believe that a demonstration was being planned and he ^{had} considered and taken advice that it would be better to rearrange the lecture ~~from~~ the lecture room to the house.

Chairman:

Did he say for what reason it would be better?

Bowden:

I can't remember him actually saying the reason, I must admit I assumed it.