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## SOCIAL INSURANCE AND ALLIED SERVICES

On the 10th June, 1941, the Minister without Portfolio (the Rt. Hon. Arthur Greenwood, M.P.) announced in the House of Commons that he had arranged with all the Departments concerned for a comprehensive survey of existing schemes of social insurance and allied services which would be considered in due course by the Committee on Reconstruction Problems of which he was chairman; and that Sir William Beveridge had accepted his invitation to become Chairman of an interdepartmental Committee which would conduct the survey, taking into account representations received from responsible organisations and persons connected with the problems involved.

The constitution of the Committee was as follows:—

*Chairman*—Sir William Beveridge, K.C.B.

*Departmental Representatives*—Mr. R. R. Bannatyne, C.B., Home Office; Mr. P. Y. Blundun, Ministry of Labour and National Service; Miss M. S. Cox, O.B.E., Ministry of Pensions; Sir George Epps, K.B.E., C.B., Government Actuary; Mr. R. Hamilton Farrell, Ministry of Health; Mr. E. Hale, C.B., Treasury; Mrs. M. A. Hamilton, Reconstruction Secretariat; Mr. A. W. McKenzie, Board of Customs and Excise; Sir George Reid, K.B.E., C.B., Assistance Board; Miss M. Ritson, C.B.E., Department of Health for Scotland; Mr. B. K. White, Registry of Friendly Societies and Office of the Industrial Assurance Commissioner.

*Secretary*—Mr. D. N. Chester.

The terms of reference were:—

To undertake, with special reference to the inter-relation of the schemes, a survey of the existing national schemes of social insurance and allied services, including workmen's compensation, and to make recommendations.

The Minister without Portfolio announced in the House of Commons on 27th January, 1942, that "it will be within the power of the Committee to consider developments of the National Insurance Schemes in the way of adding death benefits with any other risks which are at present not covered by such schemes."

The following letter was sent to the Chairman on the 27th January, 1942, by the Minister without Portfolio.

My dear Beveridge,

I have discussed with the Chancellor of the Exchequer the position of the departmental representatives on the Inter-departmental Committee on Social Insurance and Allied Services. In view of the issues of high policy which will arise, we think that the departmental representatives should henceforward be regarded as your advisers and assessors on the various technical and administrative matters with which they are severally concerned. This means that the Report, when made, will be your own report; it will be signed by you alone, and the departmental representatives will not be associated in any way with the views and recommendations on questions of policy which it contains. It would be well that the Report should contain words to make it clear that this is the position.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ARTHUR GREENWOOD.

The estimated gross cost of the preparation of this Report is £4,625 0s. 0d., of which £3,150 0s. 0d. represents the estimated cost of printing and publishing the Report and the Volume of Memoranda from organisations.

*The Rt. Hon. Sir William Jowitt, K.C., M.P.,  
His Majesty's Paymaster-General.*

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the enclosed Report arising out of the work of the Inter-departmental Committee on Social Insurance and Allied Services appointed by your predecessor as Minister concerned with reconstruction problems, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, in June, 1941. For the reasons set out in the Report itself (paragraph 40), the Report is made by myself alone as Chairman.

It falls to me, therefore, on behalf of the Committee, in transmitting this Report to you, to express with more than conventional appreciation the gratitude of the Committee, as well as of myself, for the work of their Secretary, Mr. D. N. Chester. Without his able and untiring service and his orderly marshalling of our proceedings, the preparation of this Report could not have been accomplished. I take this opportunity of expressing at the same time my gratitude to my colleagues on the Committee who have so unreservedly placed at my disposal, in framing my Report and the recommendations for which I alone am responsible, their information and experience relating to the immense range of problems with which the work of the Committee was concerned.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. BEVERIDGE,

*Chairman.*

20th November, 1942.

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## REPORT BY SIR WILLIAM BEVERIDGE

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