

of various articles on early twentieth century politics in Gloucestershire.

Notes:

1. G. Dangerfield, *The Strange Death of Liberal England* (first published 1935, Granada edition, 1970). The quotations are from pp. 36, 37, 49.
2. R. Shannon, *The Crisis of Imperialism* (1976), pp. 400, 435.
3. R. Webb, *Modern England* (1980), p. 465.
4. *Journal of Liberal Democrat History* 17, 1997–98, p. 18.
5. Cited by R. Jenkins in *Mr Balfour's Poodle* (1954), p. 36.
6. In 1907 the government did produce a bill to set up an Irish Council. The Irish Nationalists did not like the scheme because the Council would have only limited powers, and the government dropped the proposals. The episode demonstrates both Liberal sympathy for Irish views and willingness to respond to them even when there was an overall Liberal majority.
7. P. Clarke, *Lancashire and the New Liberalism* (1971), Ch. 14, pt. 3, p. 338, pt. 4, p. 381.
8. N. Blewett, *The Peers, the Parties and the People* (1972), Chs. 6 and 9.
9. R. C. K. Ensor, *England 1870–1914* (1936), p. 418.
10. C. Cook, *The Age of Alignment* (1975), Ch. 11, pp. 180–98.
11. R. Skidelsky, *Politicians and the Slump* (1967), pp. 84–85.

## In this Month ...

From *Liberal News*

### 12 December 1963

A solicitor wrote to Mr Quintin Hogg on Tuesday asking for compensation and an apology for Roy Grundon, a 20-year old Lewisham Young Liberal. Roy, a member of the 'Votes at 18' campaign, claims he was struck by Mr Hogg, Minister of Science, after the count at the St Marylebone byelection last week. Mr Hogg has denied any assault. He says that he was blinded by a banner while leaving Marylebone Town Hall after the count, and merely pushed it aside.

### 17 December 1968

There is a vital urgency to create a new and more stable monetary system if the West (not just Britain) is to avoid these recurring crises. The Labour Government is doing a disservice to the solution of this problem, by laying the blame on the backs of the speculators. *Comment by Frank Byers.*

### 13 December 1973

At a time when the number one concern of the ordinary elector is the rising cost of living, and particularly the steeply rising price of food, the party's policy for the general election should be based on withdrawal from the Common Market, sound money and free trade. *Letter from R. C. Grinham, Chingford.*

### 19 December 1978

With Labour ranks in a state of disarray following the resignation of Agent Dick Hughes, the chances of a Liberal victory in a parliamentary byelection at Edge Hill, Liverpool, look stronger than they have ever been ... Liberal PPC David Alton, who came second with 6,171 votes fewer than Sir Arthur [Irvine] in the general election of October 1974, is confident. He said: 'if Liberals go all out to win this seat I really think we can do it.'

## Archive Guide

### The Papers of Neville Sandelson; by *Mari Takayanagi*.

The papers of Neville Sandelson, Member of Parliament for the Hayes & Harlington constituency 1971–83 (Labour 1971–81, Social Democratic Party 1981–83), have been fully catalogued and are now available for consultation in the Archives Reading Room, British Library of Political & Economic Science, 10 Portugal Street, London WC2A 2HD.

Sandelson was born in 1923, joined the Labour Party in 1939 and unsuccessfully contested eight elections as a Labour Party candidate in six different constituencies before being elected in a byelection in 1971. He was a moderate Labour MP and opposed the activities of extreme left-wing organisations inside and outside the Labour Party. His relationship with left-wing members of his Constituency Labour Party was a stormy one, and he survived various attempts to deselect him as MP. He was a founder member and treasurer of the Labour Party Manifesto Group (1975–80). In 1981 he was one of the founding members of

the SDP, and continued as an MP until losing his seat in the 1983 general election, standing as a Liberal-SDP Alliance candidate. He campaigned in support of the return of a Conservative government in the 1987 general election and rejoined the Labour Party in 1996.

The collection includes a series of scrapbooks of press cuttings covering Sandelson's period as an MP, files relating to the Hayes & Harlington constituency, and papers on the Labour Party and the foundation of the SDP. Sandelson took a keen interest in foreign affairs, and there is material on the Middle East, Afghanistan, Gibraltar and Northern Ireland. There is also an extensive series of photographs documenting his political life.

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