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0:04

Duke didn't he strike you as being a

0:09

very conventional kind of Englishman or

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as a very different kind of Englishman

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well he struck me as being with it at

0:17

that time what kinds of things now made

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you feel that about him

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I think he was ahead of his time I think

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he had lots of Baffin I think very much

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ahead of his time I think he wanted to

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establish things that were a little not

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ready for them reeling perhaps after

0:38

you've abdicated sir

0:39

you had two jobs didn't you in rapid

0:41

succession I was appointed governor of

0:45

the Bahamas sir - occupied government

0:49

has now sold for almost five years how

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did you enjoy being out there man I

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liked it very much wonderful climate

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interest and rewarding very rewarding

1:01

I ran the canteen two canteens there for

1:04

the RAF and when they were leaving they

1:10

were going to give me a present so the

1:13

Duke knows that I'm speechless in which

1:14

I'm sure the television we're audience

1:16

will know I'm speechless in front of

1:18

anything so we had to give the secret

1:21

away was to be a secret he told me he

1:24

said they're going to give you a silver

1:25

box I thought they wanted to be a

1:27

surprise I knew that you would be able

1:28

to open your mouth when they presented

1:29

it so I warned you and what happened

1:33

well I said two simple words would you

1:40

like to have gone on and had another job

1:41

after that sci-fi author buy services

1:43

they required he never got me would you

1:47

like to do to have a job yes very much

1:49

very much in those days that's 25 years

1:52

ago I think he could have done something

1:56

what why didn't you get a job you think

2:03

that's the ask most of the people I

2:06

think you can say that are underground

2:10

now who prevented me

2:16

hard to say do you have any regrets when

2:20

you look back on your life

2:21

oh about certain things yes I wish it

2:25

could have been different but I mean I'm

2:28

extremely happy and now you've had some

2:34

hard times but who hasn't they'll just

2:37

have to learn to live with that Dutch is

2:40

what is the secret of keeping and

2:44

looking young I don't know I'm not

2:48

secretive I think happiness is a great

2:52

secret to how you feel and look perhaps

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Sweden they have English words

00:04 - 03:00 SUMMARY

In this text, the speaker discusses their impressions of Duke as an unconventional Englishman who was ahead of his time. The Duke then discusses his time spent as the governor of the Bahamas and how he enjoyed the climate and rewarding experience of running canteens for the RAF. The speaker recalls a moment where the Duke warned them about receiving a surprise present of a silver box and how they managed to keep quiet about it. The conversation turns to the Duke's regrets and the secret to looking young, with the Duke suggesting that happiness is key.

would you

3:01

describe yourself as a reforming King

3:05

when you want to find a throne no you

3:08

know I wouldn't I I wanted to be an

3:12

up-to-date King that was I didn't have

3:18

that much time to know and you didn't

3:22

have as it were you didn't have

3:24

political conceptions about how the

3:27

country had lots of political perception

3:29

that kept them to myself that is the

3:31

tradition of the royal family what were

3:34

the things that you wanted to change

3:36

could you give me some examples some

3:39

examples of the ways in which you ran up

3:42

against the conventions well I think it

3:46

was more well I wasn't there I didn't

3:51

have time I wasn't there long enough but

3:53

I had in mind to change especially to do

3:56

with with the court which after all the

3:58

court is is is is is dominated by by the

4:03

king and he influences accordin gives

4:06

the orders it is command so to speak

4:09

do you think there's too much court life

4:11

nowadays no I don't think there is

4:14

because they've they've simplified it a

4:17

great deal I've seen very little of it

4:19

but what I hear and I have been being

4:23

been around in to interpreting from time

4:26

to time

4:27

and I think that is it's very good now

4:30

it's simplified people haven't got the

4:33

time for the old ceremonials I'll think

4:37

the ceremony ceremonial that they used

4:39

to have when you were Prince of Wales

4:42

you had definite ideas about how you

4:45

want to dress for instance you didn't

4:48

want to wear top hat you wanted to wear

4:50

a bowler hat

4:51

my father always wore a top hat and he

4:54

was surprised that I wouldn't follow his

4:57

tradition but what he didn't have to go

5:01

around big industrial clouds that I

5:03

didn't and go around which and Gardner

5:07

or not somebody to David what we used to

5:09

call the slums they were really bad in

5:11

those days remember at what point did

5:14

you first become aware of coming into

5:17

conflict with the government of the day

5:19

as a result of your different conception

5:22

of kingship well actually that that was

5:26

before I became King I had a trip

5:34

organized to go and visit some of the

5:38

depressed areas went to Wales and

5:42

different parts of Britain and this one

5:45

I think was up in North Northumberland

5:48

and when Stanley Baldwin ought to hear

5:55

of this this trip he called me to the

6:00

House of Commons and said he'd like to

6:01

talk to me about it he said why are you

6:04

going to coming up there are there a lot

6:09

of other important things to do so I

6:11

said no mr. Bhalla and i said i think it

6:13

is very important to see how can't give

6:17

these people unemployment some of the

6:20

men have been out for ten years I was

6:24

too borrowing was this suddenly became

6:27

conscious of the fact that he and his

6:28

government actually done very little to

6:32

alleviate the the plight of the

6:35

unemployed which there were thousands at

6:38

that time

6:40

so he said who suggested it you should

6:43

go I said as a matter of fact I'm going

6:47

under the auspices of let Alexander

6:52

Alexander Lee who was chairman of the

6:55

Conservative Association in in

6:59

Northumberland all we said wonderful man

7:03

great friend of mine

7:04

I'm delighted I do hope you will have a

7:08

good trip when I left primary use prime

7:13

minister at that time I thought to

7:14

myself that he was beginning to drag me

7:20

in to politics a little too far and as

7:27

we all know politics is the one thing

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the royal family has to avoid even

7:34

however much they might like to express

7:38

their opinions

03:00 - 07:39 SUMMARY

The interviewee states that he did not consider himself a reforming king but rather an up-to-date king. He didn't have much time to develop political perceptions and kept his opinions to himself, in line with the tradition of the royal family. He wanted to make changes, particularly to the court, which he felt was dominated by the king and influenced by his commands. However, he wasn't there long enough to effect any major changes. He didn't think there was too much court life nowadays, as it had been simplified and people didn't have time for old ceremonials.

The interviewee had definite ideas about how he wanted to dress, for instance, he didn't want to wear a top hat but rather a bowler hat. He wanted to visit the depressed areas of Wales and other parts of Britain to see how people were coping with unemployment. When Stanley Baldwin, the prime minister at the time, heard of this trip, he called the interviewee to the House of Commons to discuss it. Baldwin suggested that there were other important things to do, but the interviewee felt it was essential to see the plight of the unemployed. After the meeting, the interviewee felt that Baldwin was beginning to drag him too far into politics, and as politics was something the royal family had to avoid expressing opinions on.

7:39

there was another occasion when you were

7:41

going to visit some area in which there

7:44

was a great deal of poverty and

7:45

unemployment and they wanted to take you

7:47

round in a rose rice they have the

7:50

generator you can go was a suitable

7:52

vehicle for that trip and I upset one of

7:57

the dignitaries who met me there I had

8:00

his Rolls Royce for me to get in I said

8:04

I'm sorry I am NOT going to write in

8:06

that and he was so very upset and for

8:09

certain that I was letting him down I

8:14

think more than letting my position down

8:17

I went around in an ordinary card it was

8:22

more suitable what is the occasion set

8:24

when you went to some area of

8:26

unemployment and poverty and you will

8:29

report it in the newspapers as having

8:32

said it was damnable and something ought

8:35

to be done about it all I think that it

8:37

could be almost anywhere South Wales or

8:41

I really saw some terrible things

8:45

look there so the stays of the twenties

8:51

and early thirties well ready until

8:54

until this last World War did you try

8:57

and do something about those kind of

8:59

ones very much that I could do except to

9:02

to to to to bring it to look to lead to

9:06

this notice we say of the of the early

9:10

the really government in power at one

9:16

occasion I was at Prince of Wales I had

9:20

a large sum of them the doctor the Dutch

9:24

of coral there was a big real estate

9:28

property in Kennington and our two

9:35

people in the City of London will be

9:38

people got interested and said will like

9:42

to put some money up to to develop this

9:45

tear down the slums and build build a

9:47

housing estate we've got an architect we

9:51

had a meeting by where I lived at your

9:53

house in st. James's Palace and I think

9:58

that the chairman of the London County

10:03

Council at that time was Herbert

10:05

Morrison so we had this meeting and I

10:11

think alters we had either cup of tea

10:16

tea break or a drink and when he was

10:21

leaving mr. Morrison this is getting

10:26

into his car and he came back he said oh

10:29

my god he said I've left I've left my

10:32

briefcase in in in the dining room where

10:35

we were sitting that I can't leave the

10:37

socialist secrets in this house so I

10:41

said Mr Morrison have it perfectly safe

10:46

but you didn't get must change no no the

10:50

Levy's be and the London County Council

10:53

didn't did not wish this this promise

10:56

group private enterprise group to take

10:59

get the credit for having built this

11:02

this housing scheme which actually we

11:06

could have done very much cheaper than

11:08

the London London County Council did you

11:14

mentioned one or two statesmen of your

11:16

lifetime so you mentioned Baldwin what

11:20

about some of the others now how do you

11:22

get on with Lloyd George I got fine with

11:24

him he was even he was a very colorful

11:27

wonderful man he eaves he taught me that

11:33

if he was Welsh

11:34

septem that I had to - to speak at the

11:41

time of my investiture canal until 1911

07:39 - 11:47 SUMMARY

The text describes an incident where the speaker was invited to visit an area of poverty and unemployment. The hosts wanted to take the speaker around in a Rolls Royce, but the speaker refused and went around in an ordinary car instead. The speaker also mentions trying to do something about the poverty and slums, but the government and the London County Council were not supportive. The text briefly mentions some statesmen of the speaker's lifetime, including Baldwin and Lloyd George, with whom the speaker got along fine. Lloyd George was Welsh and taught the speaker how to speak Welsh during the speaker's investiture in 1911.

11:47

what kind of dealings did you have a

11:50

Winston Churchill or Winston's a great

11:52

friend of mine

11:53

I knew Winston first when he was

11:57

First Lord of the Admiralty in Liberal

12:00

government in 1910 or 11 and we kept

12:06

very close touch even bodies in power it

12:13

Winston Churchill give you any help with

12:14

your speeches yes after the punctuation

12:17

of the phraseology and so faulted he

12:20

said he said a very good way at a public

12:25

dinner is to put a finger ball down and

12:31

then you put a plate over the finger

12:36

bowl and then you put a glass on the

12:42

plate and then you put your notes on the

12:45

glass but he said don't do what I did

12:49

once and knocked the glass over

12:55

you remember your father advised you not

12:58

to put jokes into speeches yes his old

13:02

secretary Lord Lord stand for them I

13:06

asked him to help me with a speech and

13:07

he put in quite an amusing paragraph

13:09

which had a great success the the

13:13

audience from public dinner I guess must

13:15

have been and my father read this speech

13:20

sent for me he said he said I'm very

13:24

surprised that you made those rather

13:28

flippant remarks in your and speech to

13:30

this association that I've never made a

13:35

joke in a speech I thought that fence

13:40

monkey probably lost a good deal and

13:43

turned and and and hadn't hadn't please

13:46

his audiences as much as those who can

13:48

get a laugh I mean you could always get

13:50

a laugh out of an audience early and you

13:53

can say the serious things afterwards I

13:55

wonder what your father would have said

13:57

about trans Philip I think that I think

14:00

that any any any audience that the

14:02

Philip Philip talks to would be very

14:06

disappointed to be didn't have some

14:08

jokes and maybe some fairly forceful

14:10

criticisms as well

14:13

MacDonald did you have much to do with

14:15

Ramsay MacDonald huh wasn't it like this

14:20

wrote a letter to ask you to take more

14:22

care when you were out riding oh yes

14:24

Arthur to stop Steve retracing yes I was

14:27

very polite and I said I quite

14:29

understood what he he meant but I didn't

14:32

heed him very much did you ever win with

14:35

steeplechasing yes about 13 12 13 races

14:39

and he wanted not to start off Fred

14:42

winter will be relieved to hear that

14:46

what he'd be relieved to hear that and

14:50

but he did write to you and ask you if

14:53

you would yeah we came to see me

14:55

mmm-hmm what is he said you said

14:59

tensing from my position I shall risk my

15:02

neck but you just went on I've had I've

15:10

had quite a bad fall yes I'd had a best

15:12

fall in those days we didn't didn't wear

15:18

the crash helmets that I that are

15:20

imposed today there's others thought cap

15:23

so there's no protection we had at all

15:25

unfortunately hit the ground hard wasn't

15:30

for good

11:47 - 15:30 SUMMARY

The text is a conversation between two people discussing their dealings with historical figures such as Winston Churchill and Ramsay MacDonald. They talk about how Churchill helped with speeches by giving advice on phraseology and using a finger bowl technique to hold notes. The conversation also touches on the use of humor in speeches and how it can be effective. They briefly mention Ramsay MacDonald sending a letter about horse riding and the speaker's experience with steeplechasing. The conversation ends with a comment on the lack of protective gear for riders in the past.

and other leading politicians

15:34

of the days a Jimmy Thomas for instance

15:38

Jimmy Thomas became quite a friend of

15:41

the of the family my father enjoyed his

15:44

company a great deal and when I became

15:47

King to his wealth I was king mmm he got

15:51

into some political trouble and he had

15:54

to resign from the cabinet

15:57

the Kiva's ministry Secretary of State

15:59

for the Dominion affairs those days and

16:02

he had to come to deliver deliver up his

16:08

seal of office so he came into my my

16:12

office at Buckingham Palace and I

16:16

scraped with her hand and he sat down

16:18

quite unceremoniously before I'd even

16:21

motioned a chair for him sit and he

16:26

looked at me with tears in his eyes he

16:30

said it's all a bloody conspiracy and

16:37

then he added in a very charming way he

16:40

said thank God your old dad never got to

16:44

hear of this

16:48

very touching story the wonderful man

15:30 - 16:48 SUMMARY

The speaker discusses their relationships with various politicians, including Winston Churchill and Jimmy Thomas. They mention that Churchill gave them advice on speeches, including a tip on using a glass as a note holder. The speaker's father advised against including jokes in speeches, but the speaker disagrees and thinks it is important to engage the audience. They also mention that Jimmy Thomas became a family friend and visited them at Buckingham Palace after resigning from the cabinet. The speaker describes Thomas as a wonderful man.

16:52

what were your first impressions of the

16:55

United States went to America first in

16:59

1919 remember 1919 when low and went

17:04

Washington that's that made a bit paid I

17:07

paid a call on President Wilson who was

17:09

who was then he was then bedridden need

17:13

he had his stroke endure with rocket

17:17

before the next election people's

17:20

suffering from overstrain from the

17:23

effect that the America wouldn't that

17:26

Senate wouldn't come into the League of

17:27

Nations

17:28

I went to New York and there was it was

17:38

it was it was it was an Irishman the

17:42

name of Highland and I invited mayor

17:46

Highland to lunch with me I went to see

17:48

him at City Hall and he refused me and

17:55

for political reasons and so completely

18:00

the newspaper men said mr. merry said

18:04

your honor as a call on the head with it

18:06

why didn't you why did you refuse the

18:10

Prince of Wales's invitation to lunch he

18:13

said say boys you know I never lunch

18:16

well it didn't say there was only the

18:18

Irish situation was not very good at

18:20

that time in the that is he had his

18:23

Irish politics in mind but I've

18:27

travelled well since Dutchess never

18:29

married I've travelled them I've

18:32

traveled a lot in America

18:34

I remember country it's very

18:37

invigorating I like going there for the

18:41

golf I'm I'm a very very very poor

18:44

golfer unfortunately I once shot of 75

18:48

about 14 years ago but that's afraid to

18:52

last good round really good round that I

18:57

ever had

16:52 - 18:57 SUMMARY

In 1919, the speaker went to America and paid a call on President Wilson who was then bedridden due to a stroke. He was disappointed by the American's refusal to join the League of Nations. He went to New York and invited Mayor Highland to lunch, but he refused due to political reasons. The speaker has traveled to America frequently since then and enjoys visiting the country for golf, although he admits to being a poor golfer.

my father's my father's great

19:01

hobby was was shooting he's after

19:03

shooting a very good shot I always

19:07

preferred it the fox hunting

19:10

it's a wonderful spot if my time they

19:13

used to call it the sport of kings and I

19:15

think it gave you this but added

19:18

prestige the fact that you that you

19:20

enjoyed it and rode well and I think

19:24

after the Member of Parliament sat

19:26

master of hounds mfh as they call

19:28

numbers we had the great high dignity

19:31

nini need each County old weather

19:33

wherever the hunt was situated but the

19:35

members of the royal family don't hunt

19:37

today well I saw my my great lease and

19:41

last year and said to her at home I know

19:46

you ride and I over very well and I'm so

19:49

glad that you enjoy riding as much as I

19:51

did as I said why don't you why don't

19:53

you why don't you ever go fox hunting

19:55

and she said two words blood sports so I

20:00

thought to myself oh what a pity when

20:03

you look at the world today and compare

20:04

it with how you saw it as a young man

20:06

what are the main changes that you see I

20:10

think that even the scientific progress

20:13

is is is is one of the one of the ones

20:19

they all of them extraordinary things

20:23

ended especially in my lifetime world

20:29

walls or any walls of terrible things I

20:34

have seen too but there are two two

20:42

things that benefit you can say or can

20:49

make progress on the count of Wars one

20:54

of them is in medical science and the

20:59

other is aviation I flew in a very

21:05

primitive no I wasn't I didn't pilot the

21:08

plane but I flew over the lines in the

21:10

First World War

21:11

somewheres about 1916 what did the war

21:15

teacher who taught me to mix with all

21:19

manner of people who I don't believe I

21:21

would have been able to mix

21:24

but not being so easy for me to mix

21:27

before rough-and-tumble war is a there's

21:32

no respecter of rank or this I remember

21:40

you telling me the first time we met

21:41

that you were a king who collided with

21:43

the establishment and that since the

21:45

king is the peak and main pillar of the

21:51

establishment such a situation was quite

21:54

intolerable what you mean by the

21:57

establishments in that context

22:00

well the establishment was a new word to

22:04

me until about 15 years ago when I heard

22:11

it and I asked people to explain it to

22:13

me it's not easy to explain it's a

22:14

rather an obscure word but it must have

22:19

always existed it I think it means all

22:21

thority authority of the law of the

22:24

Church of the well person mark to

22:27

certain extent and called universities

22:31

and maybe the top brass the Navy in the

22:37

army and I was reading an article

22:42

baptism or three years ago and said

22:47

tower for example Prince Philip is not

22:53

really a member of the establishment in

22:57

other words he's he goes out very much

23:00

on his own and then a little lower down

23:02

he said and when I come to think of it

23:04

nor was the Duke of Windsor and I think

23:07

that's very true by my father certainly

23:10

was and my brother was but it's why

23:16

weren't you because I was it have it

23:19

independent I did I did follow the the

23:24

the I mean I didn't prevail against the

23:27

establishment that you collided with a

23:31

time to some extent I did to some extent

23:34

or very violently

23:36

do you think that collision with the

23:39

establishments would have been

23:41

inevitable even if your marriage had not

23:44

been involved I think that it would have

23:49

I think it would yes

23:54

inevitable and I think it would have

23:55

been been fairly obvious even if you

24:00

remained a bachelor you might still have

24:03

collided with the establishment yes

24:06

definitely but not in it not in a bad

24:11

way but neither it maybe I don't know

24:14

that's I'm I'm I'm being conceited but I

24:18

think it might've helped the

24:18

establishment - and what do you mean by

24:24

that well I think that it might have

24:26

revived the the thinking of the

24:29

establishment I mean the establishment

24:35

is he has a conservative aspect I think

24:40

and you mean that unless the

24:44

conservative establishment is as it were

24:47

read it aside every now and again

24:50

then it's liable to I will either get

24:52

revived it reveal its eyes itself but I

24:55

think that's 8088 it probably does needs

24:58

to lead from this from the Maalik

18:57 - 25:02

The passage describes the speaker's father's hobby of shooting and his own preference for fox hunting. The speaker reflects on how the prestige of fox hunting has changed over time and how some people view it as a "blood sport." The speaker also reflects on the changes he has seen in the world during his lifetime, including advancements in medical science and aviation. The concept of the "establishment" is discussed, with the speaker describing it as a vague term that encompasses authority figures in various fields. The speaker reflects on his own collision with the establishment and suggests that it may have been inevitable even if he had not married.