

Lord Home saw Indian migrants as 'menace'

LONDON, Wednesday (AP). — Thirty-year-old Cabinet papers released from secrecy today show that Mr Alec Douglas-Home, who became Prime Minister in 1963 and Lord Home in 1974, said in 1955 that an influx of working-class Indians into Britain could become a "menace".

The papers also show that the Conservative Government led by Sir Anthony Eden rejected immigration curbs at the time. Legislation for curbs were introduced in Parliament six years later.

The papers were made public under the 30-year rule which permits publication of those government documents where secrecy is no longer considered necessary.

In his 1955 memorandum, Mr Douglas-Home, then Commonwealth Secretary, told the Cabinet it would be "politically impossible to legislate for a colour bar" and argued that legislation would have to be non-discriminatory.

"On the other hand," he said, "we do not wish to keep out immigrants of good type from the 'old' domin-

ions, and indeed two-way immigration is a policy to which we have always subscribed.

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"I myself would argue that we should not take any action which would give the impression that citizens from India, Pakistan and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) are less favourably treated than citizens from other Commonwealth countries.

"I am aware that there has been an increase in the last year in the number of working-class Indians coming here. This is a new development, and un-

less it is checked it could become a menace."

The papers also show that Sir Winston Churchill ordered a ministerial report on flying saucers. In a memo to the Air Ministry he demanded, "What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it all mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your convenience."

The answer from Air Secretary Lord De L'Isle and Dudley, that the "stuff" did not amount to much, clearly satisfied him.

Lord De L'Isle told Sir Winston that a full intelligence study into unidentified flying objects "described by the Press as flying saucers" had concluded that reports about them had four possible explanations. They were either known astronomical or meteorological phenomena, mistaken identification of conventional air-

identification of conventional aircraft, balloons and birds, optical illusions and psychological delusions, or deliberate hoaxes

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