

These things could never have been achieved by mere laissez-faire. ^{but} Nothing is ~~not~~ going to embrace that. They were achieved by their ^{choice} ~~choice~~ ^{! that is to} All these are the actions of a strong Government!

Not one which leaves things to sort themselves out. There's nothing of the laissez faire about that. This Government knows exactly where it is going and has the strength to do those things which Government alone can do.

That is what you would expect. We have refused to get involved in things which are no business of Government. Yet we haven't gone to the opposite extreme. No Tory is going to embrace laissez faire. What we have done is to concentrate on those things which the Government alone can do. That has given us the strength of purpose which comes from concentrating on the real issues.

It is the folly of many governments - particularly Socialist governments - that they are so determined to regulate and control every detail of commercial and industrial life, so obsessed with ~~defending~~ the citizen from every possible real choice that they have no time to do their own ~~unique~~ job.

Of course it's a great temptation. Most people think they can do other people's jobs better than they can themselves. It's human nature. It's certainly politicians' nature. Yet it is part of the strength of strong governments that they can draw the line. They are confident enough to leave to others all except those things which Government alone can do. They draw strength from the freedom of others to make their own decisions. It is a mark of a government's confidence that it can trust the people. That trust and that confidence is the hallmark of this Government.

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