

2. Feb 1700 With Moys Aberdare to see Godman in Sister Agnes.
TULR. He says Press don't want Houghton Charter. As lessor of
evils, would prefer Bill without. Rather a surprise; counsel caution.
He will let us know by Fri: if poss. Moys Aberdare does not
like my conscience clause. All agree do not reject 2R unless
Govt: advises.

5 Feb: Y'day difficult Shadow Cab: re TULR Bill. Jim Prior evidently thinks
we have gone far enough - Margaret wants to fight. But what about? Dinner
Goldsmiths Hall. Harold Hunsworth Prime Warden. Q.H. for guests. I
thought I was making quite a good little speech in reply, when a drunken
voice to my right uttered the loud, articulate, and ~~no~~ unmistakable
monosyllable: BALLS. Self: "I do not know whether the interjection was
a boast of personal sexual prowess or a criticism, however indirect, and
courteously expressed, of my current remarks. But in case it was the latter
I will bring my speech to a close." Much bonhomie thereafter. Today, at
The other Club I learned that the interjector was a baronet named Bonsor
whom I had not previously heard of. Sat next (today) Peter Walker &
Willie Whitelaw. Talked with both and Jack Profumo, who thought I
shd: write a book on my failures. A good point. Yesterday a man
tried to get in at the dining room window. Failed (seen by Mrs Bradley
& the Hamisons). ? A coincidence that we had a new plumber &
electricians (Help 24 Hrs Service Ltd) in to mend the boiler, Sat, Sun
and mon. Cost £76. The second plumber remarked that the "Uranid"
(frigate in bone) in the Hall must be worth "a few pounds". No
doubt so far.