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Imperial Press Conference.



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Mr. HART-DAVIES asked the Prime Minister whether the members of the Imperial Press Conference will be entertained in England at the public expense; whether he can state what authority was responsible for the selection of the representatives of the Colonial and Indian Press; and whether the Government is satisfied that all shades of political and economic opinion are represented by the delegates?

The PRIME MINISTER His Majesty's Government propose to invite the delegates to the Imperial Press Conference to be their guests at a dinner next month, but no part of the expenses incident to the Conference will be paid out of the public funds. I understand that the arrangements for the Conference have been carried out by a representative committee of British journalists and newspaper proprietors, and I have no reason to suppose—though I should add that the matter is one which does not come within the cognisance of the Government—that the various shades of political and economic opinion will not be represented by the delegates.