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International Economic Conference.

Mrs. Joan Robinson is proceeding to Warsaw at invitation of Askar Lane to “renew contacts with old friends”.

2. She called at the Embassy and may call on Bateman.

3. Opinion of her in delegation varied from Emrys Hughes who believes her to be crypto-Communist to academic colleagues who feel she is searcher after truth.

4. Our own experience of her was that she is at least an extremely self-opinionated, emotional, stubborn and gullible woman. She alleged for instance, that she was responsible for keeping politics out of conference and “saving” it from “peace campaign”. Having been on Initiating Committee she alleged her interest was confined to talks with economists away from delegation and outside conference atmosphere. She is known to have contested leadership of United Kingdom Delegation with Boyd-Orr. Her motherly appearance is misleading.

5. She has to be back at Cambridge 18th April. Foreign Office please pass to Warsaw as my telegram No. 1 [Repeated to Warsaw].

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