

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, April 6, 1982.

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Mr. Treasurer~~

It is my most pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation The Right Honourable The Lord Elwyn Jones, Baron of Llanelli and Newham, a Lord of Appeal-in-Ordinary of Great Britain, and request you to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

The character of his early scholarly attainments at once revealed his remarkable skill as an orator and confirmed his deep concern for those in need of help. These formidable attributes were developed in his advocacy before the Courts and applied through his influence in the House of Commons to which the same electorate returned him to represent them for nearly thirty years. He served there as Attorney-General and in other times as law officer and principal spokesman of the Opposition on legal and judicial matters.

His championship of the rights of the individual has been expressed by his support of the Defence League formed to relieve the plight of imprisoned Austrian Socialists in the decade which ended with the beginning of the Second World War, and later in the compassionate endeavours of Amnesty International. He was responsible for the creation of the office of Ombudsman in Great Britain.

His rare abilities and very significant achievements were further enhanced when as Lord High Chancellor he carried the onerous responsibility for the administration of justice in Great Britain. Now His Lordship's sagacity and experience are devoted to his duties as a Lord of Appeal and to those humanitarian ideals to which his allegiance has never faltered.

He is deserving of the highest honour this Society has to give and I request you, Sir, to confer upon The Right Honourable The Lord Elwyn Jones, Baron of Llanelli and Newham, the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.