

Session 2

INTRODUCTION

Professor M. Vile (Chairman)

To open the second session this afternoon it is my pleasure to introduce to you Dr Robert Skidelsky from the Polytechnic of North London. He is a prominent political scientist and historian, particularly of the interwar period, with a biography of Sir Oswald Mosley and a history of the Labour government 1929–31 to his credit. He is now engaged on a new biography of Keynes. Since the United States has always been one of the supposed bastions of free enterprise capitalism, and 1976 marks the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, this year's seminar could hardly escape from a discussion of the influence of Keynesianism on American economic and political life. Dr Skidelsky, who has recently returned from America, has kindly agreed to address us on the subject of 'The American Response to Keynes'.