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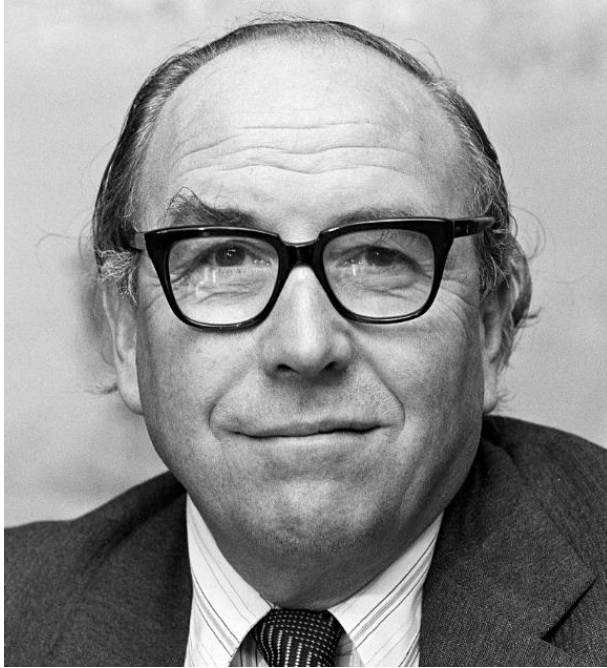
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AS MOST people here probably know, this distinguished series of lectures was made possible through the bounty of men and women who fled from the Nazi tyranny in the 1930s and in this way escaped the fate of six million others. But not only that: in this country they were able to rebuild their lives in conditions of peace and the absence of persecution and discrimination, which made it possible for them to lead a civilised and contented existence; and in gratitude for this they collected a fund, one of the purposes of which was the creation of a series of lectures within the general province of matters affecting the well-being of the British people.

I'm quite sure there is no one here who supposes other than that among all the public men of our time, whatever his views may be,

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there is no one who is more identified with the values which these people sought to perpetuate than our lecturer this evening. He stands for civilised values in their highest sense; he stands for civil liberties, for social justice and for the destruction of walls between peoples, all of which are among the ideals in the name of which this series was created. It is, therefore, a great honour for me and for the Academy to be able to welcome him as lecturer this evening on the subject of 'British Foreign Policy since 1945'.

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