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**Harold Joseph Laski - Two Essays**

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**Biographical Background:**

Born in Manchester on 30 June 1893, Harold Joseph Laski was a British socialist political and economic theorist, author and lecturer. He met and married Frida nee Kerry in 1911 and they had a daughter Diana born in 1916. Laski attended Manchester Grammar School and went on to study at New College, Oxford graduating in 1914. After completing his degree he moved to America and was employed as a lecturer at McGill University (1914-1916). He then became a lecturer at Harvard University (1916-1920 and Yale University (1919-1920). He returned to England in 1920 and was employed as a lecturer at the London School of Economics where he rose to become a professor of political science. On returning to England he became involved with the Labour Party and served as chairman during 1945 and 1946. His intellectual approach was inspired by Marxist theory and his convictions led to conflicts with the Labour Party leaders and a decline in his influence after 1946. He died at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, London, on 24 March 1950.

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Bound volume containing two manuscript essays by Harold J. Laski. Essay one is entitled 'A Note on John Morley' (4 pages) and discusses the scholarship approach, character, political and ideological leanings of Morley as he perceived them to be through his own personal association with the man. Essay two is entitled 'A Defence of the Provincial' (4 pages) and discusses life and politics in the provinces as compared to London, includes references to Manchester, Liverpool, Suffolk, Birmingham, Rochdale, Stratford, Lichfield, Lancashire, Durham, Cornwall, also discusses the English character.

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