

NOTE

FROM MAN

TO JNM

THE BOOKER PRIZE

Sorry to have taken so long to reply to your memo. of the 18th March, and further sorry that my wife and I will not be able to be present on the 21st April. The difficulty is that time will then be getting rather short for me, since I am off with my wife to the West Indies on the 28th April for a month. On the 27th I will be at Bucklersbury House for the Booker Senior Executives' meeting; on Friday 24th I will be in London also for a meeting of the National Maritime Board with regard to the wage claim of the National Union of Seamen, and this meeting starts fairly early so will probably necessitate my travelling to London on the 23rd.

As a result of all these engagements, therefore, I am afraid that I cannot see my way to being in London on the 21st and 22nd April as well, and I would ask you to excuse us on this occasion.

MAN/JB
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NJD