Bevan versus the British Medical Association

NYE BEVAN
And that is why we must build the NHS, for the good of Britain and all her people.

JAMES HOLLAND
So Mr Bevan, your healthcare reforms appear to be gathering momentum but we're still hearing reports that certain medical practitioners, in particular doctors, are having problems with some of your reforms.

NYE BEVAN
Absolutely not! The medical establishment is fully behind these proposals, and all the doctors I've spoken with fully realise the great advantages of...

JAMES HOLLAND
Nye Bevan initially faced strong opposition from the British Medical Association, but he eventually won the doctors over by offering them greater involvement in the management and organisation of the NHS and by agreeing to pay them more.

Today the NHS continues to attract a great deal of political attention both domestically and overseas. It is consistently one of the most hotly debated discussions at UK elections. Britain built the National Health Service for a war weary nation, yet today it remains every bit as valued as it was seventy years ago. So what next for the NHS?