

JONES, DANIEL (1908-1985), Labour politician

Name: Daniel Jones Date of birth: 1908 Date of death: 1985 Gender: Male
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He was born Danos Jones at Porth in the Rhondda valley on 26 September 1908, the son of Daniel Jones, a coalminer (One source claims he was born at Ystradgynlais). He received his education at Ynyshir elementary school, and the National Council of Labour Colleges. He worked as a miner, 1920-32, was unemployed, 1932-36, and then found employment as an aircraft industry engineer from 1936. He was awarded the BEM in 1946 for services in the aircraft industry during World War II, having won the commendation of the Russian Embassy. He was a lecturer at the National Council of Labour Colleges, 1948-59, and an organiser for AEU, 1954-59. He was an official of the AEU, later the AUEW, for twenty years. He contested the Barry constituency for Labour against Raymond Gower in the general election of 1955 and polled an impressive total of 19,722 votes. Daniel Jones was the Labour MP for Burnley, 1959-83. He was a member of the Estimates Committee, 1964-66, and a PPS, 1964-67, to Rt. Hon. Douglas Jay, the President of the Board of Trade under Harold Wilson. A native Welsh speaker, he keenly supported the activities of CND. He married in 1932 Phyllis, the daughter of John Williams of Maesteg, and they had two sons and a daughter. They lived at 124 Marsden Road, Burnley. His hobbies were music and walking. Daniel Jones died on 19 February 1985.

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