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And the main ideas were beginning to form in my own mind, I consulted nobody in Britain at all, though of course it is a fact and this is the reason for the many claimants, that there were various schemes germinating in various peoples' minds for various forms of non-full time higher education. There were of course already a number of things functioning, there were workers' education movement, some local authorities and many other things. I was perhaps as concerned as anything with the visual side. I was perhaps too concerned with the concept of television and of radio. I felt the correspondence side wouldn't be all that difficult to work out. And I hadn't got as far as thinking about what would happen for arrangements for examining or awarding degrees.