



Hungry Forties; Life Under the Bread Tax; Descriptive Letters Other Testimonies from Contemporary Witnesses

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