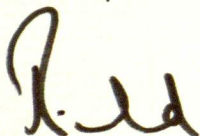


Principal Points Arising from the Directors' Meeting in
Conservative Central Office on 19th February and a Management
Meeting in Conservative Central Office on 20th February 1980

1. There was a feeling that Teddy Taylor would be fighting his own special sort of campaign in Southend and that Conservative Central Office should not waste his time and their own by attempting to press him into doing things that he would not accept.
2. Conservative speakers will include Mr Whitelaw, Mr Pym, Mr Boyson, Lord Thorneycroft and possibly Lord Carrington. Teddy Taylor is anxious to do one or two meetings on his own.
3. An intensive letter-writing campaign to publicise the Government's ~~plans~~ policies is under way in four areas.
4. It had been hoped that a housing leaflet would be available for distribution throughout the country. But disagreement between Conservative Central Office and the Department of the Environment team seems to have held up this project.
5. There was overwhelming support for you to do the PPB and general agreement with your decision to address the Central Council.
6. Jack Peel's interview on the Today programme concerning comparisons with European trade union legislation was discussed and it was concluded that Conservative Research Department should prepare a paper on comparisons within the Community as soon as possible.
7. It was felt that the weekly briefing note should receive wider distribution in order to prevent the criticisms from our own supporters that they were not receiving sufficient political ammunition.
8. The Local Government Conference is on 8th March and some fear was expressed about the likelihood of our local government people kicking up a fuss just before the Southend by-election. I do not think in fact that this will be very important and in any case, diversionary noises can be organised.



Richard

21st February 1980