

Speech

Prime Minister

FUTURE SPEECHES BY YOU

1. Herewith Notes prepared by Alfred Sherman.
2. I am receiving a disquieting number of letters from senior figures in the Party complaining about our handling (or perceived handling) of the vital Law & Order issue.
3. We had a word, on Wednesday evening, about the possibility of you launching, at your speech to the Central Council, on 27th March, a "National Crusade Against Crime".
4. The more I think about this, the more certain I am that only you could carry a credible message of this kind. (I regret to say that W.W. does not carry the necessary credibility in the country).
5. Stuart Sexton is preparing the first draft of your speech, and is coming to discuss that draft on Monday, 15th March. John Selwyn-Gummer mentioned to me that you had said to him that you would like to see him in order to discuss a draft for a Law & Order speech by you. Would you like to see him as a matter of urgency, early next week?
6. Another person who is well-informed and articulate on the subject of Law & Order, is George Gardiner.

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7. If you do decide, as I hope you will, to make your Central Council speech predominately a "Law & Order" one, we will have to tread extremely carefully about W.W.
8. I will give you a ring over the weekend about this because it is difficult to overstate the importance of this subject, or our present perceived failure.

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