



Next meeting: Wednesday  
5th March at 9.15

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Minutes of Management Meeting  
Wednesday 20th February 1980

Present: Lord Thorneycroft (in the Chair)  
Mr du Cann  
Lord Denham  
Mr Fairgrieve  
Mr Garner  
Miss Hooper  
Mr Howarth  
Mr Jopling  
Mr Knapp  
Mr McAlpine  
Mr Reece  
Mr Ryder  
Mr A. Smith  
Mr D. Smith  
Miss J. Varley  
Baroness Young

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1. Mr Jopling reported on the business in the House of Commons for the following week which would include; Monday, Future Energy Needs, Small Businesses, Immigration, and the Social Security Bill; Tuesday, Social Security (Payment of Benefit), Companies Bill; Wednesday Companies Bill; Thursday, Debate on an Opposition Motion of No Confidence in the Economic and Industrial Relations Policies, and Friday, Private Members' Bills.

2. Lord Denham reported on the business in the House of Lords for the following week which would include; Monday, the Bees Bill and Education Bill; Tuesday, Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill; Wednesday, Debate on the Finniston Report and Thursday, Residential Homes Bill, Water (Scotland) Bill and the National Heritage Bill. The following week would include Monday, Aerospace Bill, Tuesday, Criminal Justice Bill; Wednesday, Home & Civil Defence; Thursday, a Debate on the 2 EEC Reports.

3. Mr Garner outlined the plans for the Southend East By-election. Mr Teddy Taylor had been chosen as the Candidate. The Writ would be moved on the 22nd February and the Campaign would start immediately. The first of six leaflet drops had taken place. Robin Nelder was the Election Agent and Bill Henderson the Central Office Agent. Visiting speakers would include the Chairman, Mr Whitelaw, Mr Pym, Dr Rhodes Boyson, and Mr du Cann would speak to the MPs at the 1922 Committee to ensure a good turn out from the MPs themselves.

4. Mr Reece reported that the Prime Minister would be taking part in Monday's Panorama Programme. Discussions were under way with regard to the next Party Political Broadcast on March 12th.

G. Reece

5. A discussion took place on the present industrial crisis bringing in Sheerness, the Steel workers etc. The Chairman asked Mr Howarth to obtain a copy of the remarks made by Jack Peel on the EEC; it would be worth comparing the EEC Laws with ours on industrial matters.

A.Howarth

6. Mr Jopling reported on the large mail being received by MPs on the question of Sub-Post Offices. The Chairman thought remarks made by Patrick Jenkin were worth giving wider distribution and suggested they could be incorporated into a Briefing Note.

A.Howarth

7. It was agreed that the Briefing Note, in its present form, would be circulated to Agents, 12 copies to each. Mr Garner would be speaking to Central Office Agents to enquire the best method of wider circulation for this publication.

A. Garner

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ORC Presentation will also take place

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