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Future meetings:
Wednesday 2nd April
Wednesday 23rd April
(and fortnightly from that date)

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH 1980

Present: Lord Thorneycroft (in the Chair)
Mr McAlpine
Mr Bowis
Mr du Cann
Lord Denham
Mr Garner
Miss Hooper
Mr Howarth
Mr Jopling
Mr Knapp
Mr Reece
Sir Anthony Royle
Mr Ryder
Mr A. Smith
Mr D. Smith
Miss 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, Transport Bill; Motions on Mineworkers' Pension Scheme Order and Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal Order. Tuesday, 10 Minute Rule Bill; Voluntary Aid for Local Education Authorities; Transport Bill and National Heritage Bill (Lords Amendments). Wednesday, Budget Statement and Budget Debate. Thursday, Budget Debate. Friday, Private Members' Motions. The Budget Debate will continue into the next week and the House will adjourn on Thursday 3rd April for the Easter period.
 2. Lord Denham reported on the business in the House of Lords for the following week, which would include: Monday, Education Bill and the Transport Bill. Tuesday, Education Bill and National Heritage Bill. Wednesday, Budget Debate and Stevenage Development Authority Bill. Thursday, Criminal Justice Bill, Companies Bill and continuation of the Budget Debate. Friday, Private Members' Motions.
 3. Mr Garner reported on the victory at Southend, and a discussion took place.
 4. Miss Varley reported that the priority of her Department was now the forthcoming Local Government Elections. Miss Varley asked that no advice should be given direct from the Central Office in respect of the NALGO dispute. She herself was in communication with Ministers on this subject.

5. A discussion was held on appropriate timing for the selection of Candidates. The Chairman would have a discussion on this, and asked Mr Garner to prepare a report for a meeting on this subject.

Chairman
Mr Garner

6. Miss Hooper raised the question of the Liberals. Research Department would give priority to any query passed on by the Local Government Department from any one of the 91 critical districts.

Mr Howarth
Miss Varley

7. The Chairman asked Mr Reece to keep a special eye open for literature and publications from either the Labour or Liberal parties. He drew Mr Reece's attention to the recent leaflets produced by the TUC and the Union of Independent Companies. The UIC leaflet was due to be included in our mailing.

Mr Reece

8. Mr Smith reported that the Central Council arrangements were running smoothly and it was expected that there would be over 1500 on Saturday morning when the Prime Minister was addressing the Council.

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