

Sat: 19 March. Boat race. Ox won 7 lengths. Car went wrong went in James Mini. Sit judicially Mon: Case abt: battered wives hostel. Was a direction by Hounslow B.C. in order? Political crisis arising out of last weeks vote on cuts.

22 March Meeting Margaret T. W. Whitelaw, Pym, Ian G., Geoffrey Howe, P. Carrington, ostensibly abt: Foot's suggestion of Parliam^t Commission & Select Cee H.C. to discuss devolution. Decided to stick to our original joint select C. Suggⁿ: with t/refs wider than suggⁿ: by Foot. Went on to discuss Wed vote. I said our object was to defeat Govt: & bring on election. Things might well be less farble October & in any event, quite apart from Govt: th: Parliament played out & shd renew contact w: electorate (mandate now a dirty word). We shd: see whether Libs/ Ulster Unfs c^d: honourably be persuaded to come into t lobby w us. Not very well rec^d.

23 Mar Mon & Tue: Simmonds v Pizzey. Battered wives hostel. Wilberforce, Dillhone, H, Fraser, Keith. Appeal dismissed for reasons other than D.C. Result unanimous. Wrote jst. Draft typed to day. Shadow Cab^t: in light of Lib Lab pact 1730. They all pretend to think a good thing. Gullions. Paul Chambers next to me. An interesting story of India. P.J. Gigg handed over to P. Chamber. "Look after Bird" - "But Bird is all right?" "Dont argue, look after Bird." A year later,