



MEETING WITH THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE OF THE 1922 COMMITTEE

26 JULY 1978

Present

Edward du Cann	Neil Marten	Bernard Braine	Mark Carlisle
Charles Morrison	Nick Scott	Nigel Fisher	Kenneth Baker
Philip Goodhart	David Walder	Betty Harvie Anderson	<u>Also Present:</u>
John Osborne	David Mitchell	Patrick Mayhew	Mrs. Thatcher
Walter Clegg	Tony Buck	Peter Hordern	Humphrey Atkins

du Cann

Thanks of Executive for all that M.T. has done and is doing for Party. Believes that straightforward, commonsense approach adopted by M.T. is far the best - much better than bombastic line of P.M..

Baker

Election campaign will determine result. M.T. should welcome opportunity of debating with P.M. on television.

M.T.

What is the collective advice of Executive?

du Cann

Executive will consider tomorrow and report.

Walder

Worried that Labour Party, although they have mismanaged the economy, will seek to confine the election issues to a mass of figures etc.. Much better to widen it out far beyond economics.

Clegg

Agreed. Law and order, value of life etc. must be brought in.

Mayhew

Reduction in direct taxation very important.

Goodhart

M.T.'s point in speech yesterday - statute law v. "White Paper" law very important. Also international comparisons.

Hordern

Economics, but simple economics, central.

Harvie Anderson

Must make the point that Labour is the party of unemployment.

Mitchell

Enterprise package to encourage small and medium sized businesses.

Scott

Level of unemployment should help us to undermine adherence of union members to Labour party. Unemployment among young very important. ?Some form of national service?

Carlisle

Supported proposition of encouragement of smaller businesses.

Marten

Supported some form of national service - not necessarily military.

Baker

"Enterprise package" should include this.



Osborne Unemployment situation likely to be worse in October. Concerned about "confrontation".

Fisher Gaps in policy, (1) Rates (2) Incomes policy.

M.T. Spoke about both. Particularly referred to cash limits.

Scott We must somehow dilute the voice of the T.U.C..

Morrison Rhodesia. Worried about possible developments. What do we do (a) on the ground and (b) during election. John Davies doing excellent job. This is not damaging to us during election. M.T.'s thoughts?

Marten Debate next week. J.D. should confine himself to short speech criticising Owen. Should not vote.

Braine Usual agreeable waffle.

Baker Government's problem. Will only become election issue if things go wrong - therefore essential that we are united.

Horder Unity vital.

Carlisle Attack Government's handling.

du Cann Dissociate ourselves from Government.

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