

THE NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATIONS

Executive Committee Meeting - 15th November 1979

(Resolutions received from
Constituency, Area and other organisations)

1. C.B.F. Operations

"That this Council demands that the C.B.F. does not collect any monies within an Association boundary without the prior approval of the Association concerned."

Carried by the Walsall South Executive Council.

Forwarded to: Mr. Alistair McAlpine

2. C.B.F. Operations

"That this Council requests the Leaders of the Party to instruct the collectors of the Central Board of Finance to adhere strictly to the instructions laid down - that the C.B.F. do not collect or approach subscribers without the consent of the Association concerned. We deplore the practice of ignoring the wishes of the Associations."

Carried by the Aldridge/Brownhills Executive Council.

Forwarded to: Mr. Alistair McAlpine

3. Business Vote

"That this Council, believing in the principle of no taxation without representation, requests Her Majesty's Government to restore the business vote."

Carried unanimously by the Holborn and St. Pancras South Executive Council on 11th July when 37 members were present.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, C.H., M.C., M.P.

4. Tour by Multi-Racial South African Rugby Team

"The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Truro Constituency Conservative and Unionist Association deplores Her Majesty's Government opposition to the proposed tour by the multi-racial South African Rugby Team."

Carried unanimously by the Truro Finance and General Purposes Committee on 12th September when 17 members were present.

Forwarded to: Mr. Hector Monro, M.P.

5. Fourth T.V. Channel

"This Committee welcomes the Government's decision to give the fourth T.V. channel to the Independent Broadcasting Authority and hopes that the forthcoming Act will:

- (a) ensure that the fourth channel is used to extend the choice of programmes which appeal to ordinary people;
- (b) ensure that competition is introduced into the sale of T.V. advertising by the appointment of an independent sales agency to the current television contractors;
- (c) allow some regional programming and advertising;
- (d) allow independent programme makers a substantial proportion of the programmes transmitted, and thereby prevent the domination of the channel by the current television contractors."

Carried by the Young Conservative National Advisory Committee on 22nd September.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, C.H., M.C., M.P.

6. Technological Changes

"This Committee believes that it is vital for Britain's educational system to be prepared for the social and technological changes which will come with the introduction of greater computerisation and other high technology. It therefore calls upon the Secretary of State for Education to implement a scheme by which educational establishments may train the required instructors, invest in necessary equipment and make changes in curricula, to ensure most adequately young people's ability to meet the challenges of this important development."

Carried by the Young Conservative National Advisory Committee on 22nd September.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. Mark Carlisle, M.P.

7. Labour ex-Members of Parliament Recruited by Television

"That this Association wishes to bring to the attention of the Conservative Party that it is extremely concerned by the number of Labour ex-Members of Parliament being recruited by both television channels - and it is felt that through the media the Labour Party are already working towards the next General Election by indoctrinating the general public with a complete bias towards the left of the political scene."

Carried by the Lincoln Executive Committee on 13th September and discussed by the East Midlands Area Executive Committee on 16th October.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, C.H., M.C., M.P.

8. Appointments to "Outside Organisations and Bodies"

"That the Central Executive Council of the City of Manchester Conservative Association requests H.M. Government to examine all future appointments to 'outside organisations and bodies' with a view to restoring the balance of representation from political parties."

Carried unanimously by the City of Manchester Central Executive Council on 24th September.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, C.H., M.C., M.P.

9. Northern Ireland - I.R.A. Propaganda

"In view of the increasing Soviet threat to Western Europe, the continuance of disturbances in Northern Ireland will pose a threat to our national defence in time of crisis and could seriously detract from the effectiveness of our military contribution to N.A.T.O. This meeting holds the view that a prime cause for the continuation of the war is the success of I.R.A. propaganda and urges that the well orchestrated and growing stream of I.R.A. propaganda at home and abroad - especially in the United States of America, a source of much practical support to the terrorists - should be resolutely countered both to give the facts and to alienate the I.R.A. from their support."

Carried unanimously by the West Wilts Executive Council when sixty members were present.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. Humphrey Atkins, M.P.

10. Selling of Government Concerns to Private Investors

"Whilst agreeing in principle to the selling of Government concerns to private investors and to the ideal that the Boards of Directors should be controlled by private investors, we nevertheless feel that some Government investment should remain in those industries essential to the wellbeing of this country. We feel that this should be the basis for further discussion with a Member of the Government."

Carried by the South West Staffordshire Finance and General Purposes Committee on 15th October.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. John Nott, M.P.

11. Dismissal of Agents

"This Committee considers deplorable the contemplated action of some of the Constituency Associations who are now seeking to release their professional full-time Agents until the run-up to the next General Election. We consider action such as this not only short-sighted in the extreme, but dangerous to the relationship between the Agent's Association and the Party."

Carried by the Conservative Trade Unionists National Committee on 22nd September.

Forwarded to: The National Union Executive Committee