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Advisory Committee on Policy

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Policy is due on Wednesday 16th April at 10.30 a.m.

Will you be taking the chairmanship of the ACP yourself or appointing a Chairman? The precedents are as follows:-

Mr. Heath held the chairmanship himself throughout the period of opposition except for the last few months of the 1966-70 Parliament when he passed it to Mr. Maudling. He did, however, fairly frequently pass the chair either for the whole or part of the meeting to the Deputy Chairman who throughout most of this period was Sir Edward Boyle.

Sir Alec in 1964 appointed Mr. Heath as Chairman of the ACP, and in this was following the precedent of Sir Winston Churchill who did not take the chair himself, but appointed Mr. Butler as Chairman of the ACP.

At the last meeting (held on 15th January) Mr. Ian Taylor, one of the representatives of the National Union, was asked to produce a paper on inflation as a basis for a discussion. This has been promised for the 9th April so as to be circulated the following week-end.

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