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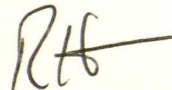
MR. HEATH: FRINGE MEETING 14th OCTOBER, 1981

Mr. Parkinson asked me to send to the Prime Minister a copy of notes prepared for the Chancellor concerning events at significant Conference 'Fringe' meetings.

Mr. Heath's speech to the Conservative Graduates this lunch time made almost exactly the same points as those you heard at the Conference Economic Debate. The only differences were:-

- a strong attack on Sir Keith Joseph's alleged intentions to apply market principles to education through vouchers, on the damage done to future generations by cut backs in education. Mr. Heath said that if Sir Keith tried to use "public money for private education" it would 'split the Party from top to bottom'.

- the audience was predictably more favourable than that of Conference, and his performance was correspondingly better and more relaxed.



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