

# LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 11.00 date: 20.6.79

## PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

Cabinet met at 1000.\* All present except Peter Walker (Luxembourg). At noon the Prime Minister would receive Mr. Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore for talks and a lunch in his honour. Government Ministers at the lunch would be the Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for Trade and the Minister of State, FCO (Peter Blaker). This afternoon Mrs. Thatcher would be discussing MPs' and Ministers' salaries with the Leader of the Opposition.

## IN THE HOUSE

### 2 Answers of substance:

188 Sir Paul Bryan (Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he has received any request to reinforce the Hong Kong garrison; and if he will make a statement.

189 Mr. John Hannam (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Social Services, when he expects to complete the phasing-in of mobility allowance.

## PNQs

John Smith and Tam Dalyell, both to John Nott, about DC10 Airliners.

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## LEE KUAN YEW TALKS

It was inevitable that the problem of refugees would be raised: the Prime Minister's view was what it always had been, namely that this was a problem best solved in an international context.

## MPS' AND MINISTERS' PAY

We did not see a statement coming today. Set against the Government making a statement as soon as possible (and, it was hoped, reaching a decision this morning), the Prime Minister would still want to consider whether she should be in the House for any statement. Her presence there was, of course, determined by travel commitments to (a) Strasbourg and (b) Tokyo. We could make no comment on any figures in this morning's papers, nor could we offer any guidance on phasing.

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\* Cabinet ended at 1150.

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Cabinet met from 1000 to 1150. Mrs. Thatcher then had talks with the Prime Minister of Singapore, followed by a working lunch. Also present at the lunch were the Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for Trade and the Minister of State, FCC, Mr. Peter Blaker.

This afternoon the Prime Minister had met the Leader of the Opposition for half an hour to discuss MPs' and Ministers' pay. (There would be a statement on this subject by Mr. Norman St. John Stevas tomorrow afternoon).

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TALKS WITH MR. LEE KUAN YEW

These had covered Indo-Chinese refugees, Southern Africa and the forthcoming Lusaka Conference.

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