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LEADER'S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

219TH MEETING

2.30 p.m., Monday, 4th September 1978, in the  
Leader's Room at the House of Commons.

AGENDA

1. Second draft of the Manifesto,  
LCC(78)186 - attached.
2. Any other business.

1 Phobias

2 A.P. Unemployment. Frustration -

3 Capture of Labour by UK. - Quota.

4 Strengthen union of labor - new.

5 Wills - Produce more spend more money.

6 Place of Education

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Minutes of the 219th Meeting held at 2.30 p.m.  
on Monday, 4th September 1978, in the Leader's  
Room at the House of Commons.

Present: Mrs. Thatcher (in the Chair)

Mr. Whitelaw, Sir Keith Joseph,  
Lord Carrington, Lord Hailsham,  
Lord Thorneycroft, Sir Geoffrey Howe,  
Mr. Prior, Mr. Pym, Sir Ian Gilmour,  
Mr. Jenkin, Mr. Peyton, Mr. Davies,  
Mr. Neave, Mr. Maude, Mr. Nott,  
Mrs. Oppenheim, Mr. King,  
Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Atkins.

In attendance: Mr. Butler, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Patten,  
Mr. Wolfson, Mr. Ridley, Mr. Nicholson,  
Mr. Wynn.

Apologies: Mr. St. John Stevas, Mr. Heseltine,  
Mr. Edwards.

1. Discussion of the Second Draft of the ManifestoGeneral Points and Foreword

Mrs. Thatcher introduced the second draft of the Manifesto, LCC(78)186. There was a discussion, and the following points were agreed:

- (i) All members were requested to forward drafting amendments to Mr. Patten during the same evening, as the timetable for revising the Manifesto and sending it to the printers was extremely tight.
- (ii) The final decisions on the various revisions to the Manifesto would be taken after this meeting by Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Maude, Mr. Patten and Mr. Ridley.
- (iii) The foreword would be revised: more prominence would be given to the need for an attack on unemployment, and the main emphasis would be on tax cuts and the creation of wealth.
- (iv) A short passage on the state of the Labour Party and its domination by its left wing should be inserted, probably on page 5.
- (v) Sir Keith Joseph's lecture on unemployment should be circulated to the Shadow Cabinet.

1. A New Direction

We should ensure that there was minimal repetition, such as in the section entitled "Creating New Jobs".

Page 4, para. 3 it is no longer true that Labour "have actually reduced living standards".

Page 6: first objective: we should say "revitalise or revive" rather than "stabilise" the economy.

Second objective: cut the reference to profits ("see that ... proper function") and refer to encouraging the self-employed. In the first line insert "personal" before "taxes".

In the seventh objective, we should simply say "uphold the law and support the police".

2. Incentives and Sound Money

Page 8, para. 2: last two lines, say "committed to return it to health and strength and rebuild prosperity" or words in that sense.

Para. 3: omit "at every level".

Para. 4: modify sentence on North Sea oil's contribution and amend second sentence to read "reductions in Labour's public spending plans". Omit "automatic".

Para. 5: say "raising tax thresholds" rather than "higher".

Page 9, para. 1: omit "of 60 per cent".

Para. 2: we should consider revising "provide early and substantial relief from CTT" and say simply "reform".

Para. 4, line 6: say "on existing schemes".

Page 10, second line: omit "to reduce the rates of this tax sharply".

Para. 4: amend second sentence. Consider cutting much of last para.

Page 11, para. 2: penultimate sentence say "useful" instead of "productive".

Cut third and possibly fourth paragraphs.

Page 12: reword third paragraph.

Page 13, para. 2: avoid use of "strike".

Last paragraph: omit reference to medical, dental and nursing professions. Second sentence say "should" instead of "must". Mr. Prior would redraft the second half of this paragraph in the light of his letter to Mr. Kendall of the Civil Service Union.

Page 14, omit first paragraph, para. 3, last sentence, say "amend and improve monopolies legislation" and omit "supplement its work by enlarging and strengthening".

### 3. Enterprise and Jobs

Page 15, omit second half of first sentence.

Para. 3: revise second half of last sentence on lines suggested by Mr. Taylor.

Para. 4: omit first half of first sentence.

Page 16, para. 2: say "amend" not "repeal" the 1975 Industry Act.

Para. 3: omit third sentence. Refer to our desire that the public sector should be successful.

Para. 4: omit last sentence.

Para. 5: refer to danger of retaliation from other countries.

Page 17, para. 2: sixth line say "proposals" instead of "plans".

The sub-section entitled "Creating New Jobs" and "Training for Skill" should come before the section on small businesses.

Page 18, para. 1: check that the last sentence is still true, in the light of a possible record harvest.

Para. 2: second sentence check that this is not largely due to EEC imports.

Para. 3: say "substantial weakening" rather than "lasting weakness".

Para. 5: say "safeguard" instead of "cherish".

Omit paragraph on animal welfare. This subject should be dealt with through Questions of Policy.

Page 19, para. 2: insert the form of words agreed between Mrs. Thatcher and the Scottish fishermen.

Page 20, strengthen the third paragraph on BNOG.

Para. 4: amend second sentence.

Para. 5: amend second sentence; omit reference to "exhaustion of oil and gas resources".

Page 21, reconsider first paragraph.

Page 22, refer to costs of road maintenance.

Para. 2: omit last sentence.

4. Working with the Unions

Page 24: reconsider third paragraph in the light of Lord Hallsham's suggested amendments.

Page 25, para. 2: omit "less important".

Page 26 omit third paragraph.

Page 27: Mr. Prior would draft a reference to our proposals on unfair exclusion and expulsion from a union.

5. The Homes the People Want

Page 29, para. 3: omit third sentence.

Page 30, para. 1: omit last sentence on 100 per cent mortgages, and after consultation with Mr. Rossi say "We shall ensure that mortgages are available" or words to that effect.

Page 31, consult with Mr. Rossi and insert a form of words making clear that we did not intend to end security of tenure.

6. Responsible Communities

Page 33, third sentence amend last section to read "which will bring to an end immigration as we have seen it over the post war years ..."

Page 34, para. 7: insert "for settlement" after "entry".

7. Health and Welfare

Page 36: substitute commas for parenthesis at top.

Para. 4: clarify what we mean by "supporting the supporters". Last sentence say "review the working of charity law" and refer to the Goodman Report.

Pages 36-37: omit sentence on tax credits and substitute a more general reference.

Page 37, para 3: omit "to strengthen family life in Britain". Say "impressed by" rather than "studying". Refer to uprating of mobility allowances.

8. Raising Educational Standards

Page 39, refer to the need to preserve schools of proven worth.

Page 43, insert a form of words from Mr. Monro on company sponsorship of sport.

9. The Fight Against Crime

Page 44: omit first sentence.

Para. 3: say in the last sentence "implement its recommendations in full without delay".

Last para. say "carry out" rather than "consider a complete review of court procedures".

Page 45, para. 1: consider redrafting.

Para. 2, second sentence: say "amend" rather than "review".

Last para: insert Lord Hailsham's redraft on forfeiture of goods. Refer to Mr. Townsend's Bill on Child Pornography.

10. Safeguarding the Constitution

Page 47, para. 4: last sentence say "start by seeking agreed procedures". Refer to our firm commitment to the unity of the UK and our intention to hold referendums.

Page 48, para. 2: Mr. Pym would examine the last sentence.

Page 49, para. 1: second sentence reword to read "continue to be needed".

Para. 2: omit "from" from "so as to eliminate ..."

Substantially redraft third paragraph and consider the fourth paragraph.

Page 50, para. 3: omit last sentence.

11. The Defence of Britain

Page 52, say "improving our defences" in sub-heading the top of the page.

Para. 2: omit second sentence.

12. Britain in the World

Page 54, para. 4: second sentence say "deter" rather than "halt".

Page 55, last para: omit "still" in second line.

Mr. Davies's draft on Rhodesia was circulated and agreed.

2. Party Advertising

Mr. Tim Bell, the Managing Director of Saatchi and Saatchi, Garland-Compton, then briefly introduced the various advertisements his company were proposing (after appropriate consultation and advice) to issue.

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.