

## NOTES FOR EDITORS

Mr. Noble indicated to the Prime Minister some time ago that he would like for personal reasons to resign from the Government, when a suitable opportunity presented itself.

Mr. Robert Carr will continue as Home Secretary.

Mr. James Prior will be Leader of the House of Commons.

As Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Mr. John Davies will deal with European Community affairs in Brussels as required, and will co-ordinate the handling of European affairs in Whitehall.

As Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs, Sir Geoffrey Howe will be a Minister in the Department of Trade and Industry. He will assume the responsibilities hitherto discharged by Mr. Noble, and will in addition be responsible, in conjunction with the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, for Consumer Affairs (including competition policy and consumer credit).

Sir Geoffrey Howe becomes a member of the Cabinet.

As Minister of State for Defence, Mr. Ian Gilmour will assume the responsibilities hitherto discharged by Lord Balniel, in addition to his present responsibilities for Defence Procurement: the post of Minister of State for Defence Procurement lapses.

As an additional Parliamentary Secretary, Civil Service Department, Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith will assist the Home Secretary in the supervision of Government Information Services.

The Minister for Aerospace, Mr. Michael Heseltine, has added to his functions in the Department of Trade and Industry responsibility for shipping and marine matters. He will in future be known as the Minister for Aerospace and Shipping.

Mr. Peter Kirk has resigned as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Navy and has been nominated to be the Leader of the Conservative Party's Delegation to the European Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr. David Brand, Q.C., has been appointed to be a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland in place of Lord Mackenzie Stuart, who has resigned in order to take up appointment on 1 January 1973 as a Judge of the Court of the European Communities.

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