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Presentations

Tactics (Research Paper)

Electoral Reform

Meeting of Shadow
11 APR 75 CCO

to discuss K Joseph's
paper

Background

1. Reggie. I do NOT agree with ONE little
bit

Colman

Up to 1970 Consensus was a Conservative ^{Consensus} Not a Labour one

Howe 1970 ~~was~~ manifesto was a departure from Consensus ^{Consensus}

It does NOT differ from the present document

What we failed to do was to explain it & present it possibly.

Margaret
~~Colman~~

D Ian you do believe in capitalism?

Ian That's almost blasphemy. I don't believe in Socialism.

Margaret To conserve a free society you must have a mixed economy.

Keith. The hundred years of ^{relative} decline (since the Great Exhibition) is objectively demonstrable. There was NOT ^{Consensus} a consensus ~~str~~ before 1970.

Angus 1960-2 Consensus began to move ^{Towards Soc^ml} ~~left~~ ☹️ But how far revulsion & feeling is going to create a change of atmosphere in our direction.

● Margaret 1962. They identify security ^{& stability} with Lab ☹️

Raison. Too much misery in Keith's paper.

~~We~~ There are matters on wh. we have got to operate a consensus. eg. we must try & persuade Healey to produce a sensible budget.

● Maudie ~~The~~ ^{That} is not on. The Right of the Lab ~~ply~~ will always let us down.

Pym Society is moving more left. There must be continuity. which means a broad measure of agreement - The Keith paper is a recipe for disaster.

Heseltine Europe's performance is better than ours. —
I c^d not find people of people who wd identify themselves with the paper. We need a deeper analysis to find what people are & what their attitudes are

Heseltine , On TV we don't look like ~~anybody~~ ^{any one} they ^{people}
know.

W.W.W The most fatal thing in politics is to try
and look different from what we are. People
always complain that I look very large on TV.
What is: they say if I appeared in a bathing dress?

Norman Fowler.

Alack - Danger of muddling two things - You
need to command consensus to get power -

Michael Heseltine - What I meant to say was that
we were allowing the wrong people on the programmes.

Humphrey Atkins HAIR SHIRTS have gone too far.

Geoffrey Howe As director of Market Research - ~~but~~ ^{We} must
first decide what we wish to communicate, then present
it right.

Stevan What has happened is a collapse of national
self confidence. We want to get away from
introspection.

Margaret. All our policies were right - All your presentation
was wrong. ^{too} hard text.

Younger Conservative defectors - The
great majority of Scots do not wish to break
up Britain. Conservative defectors in
Scotland had a more attractive haven to
go to ^{many} in England - ~~The~~ They defected
for the same reason.

DEFENCE

George Younger.

Defence without ⊙ Easier to present than defence

within ⊙ We failed to make our wit run ⊙ It does NOT involve
confrontation ⊙ Every hospital to have stand by generation ⊙ Nucleus of officials ⊙

Reg Maudling ⊙ Defence without. Shall we give defence a higher share

of expense ⊙

Jan Gilmour.

Budget

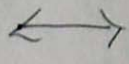
Afternoon session
Adam Ridley

Commitments.

- (1) Industry
- (2) F. Allowances &c.

Revenue.

£1500 million in direct.
Motoring.

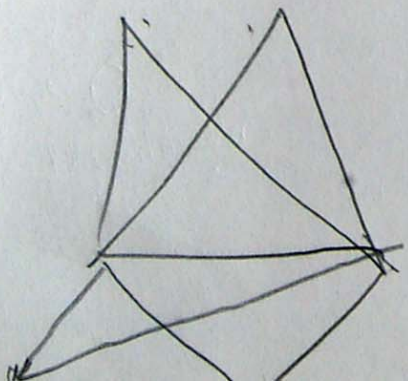
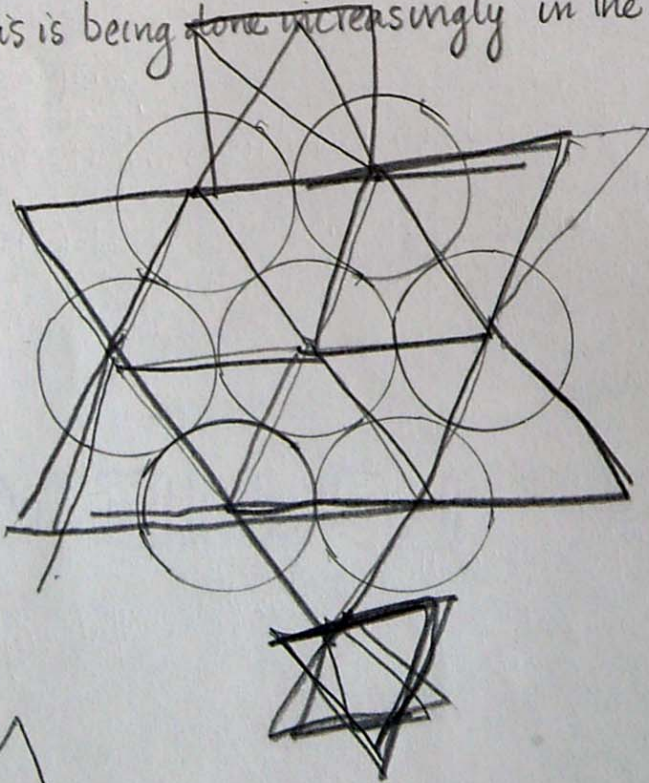


Geoffrey

- 1) No further progression in ^{tax} allowance - reduce Gov. exp.
- 2) Unsympathy to tougher on m/gage
- 3) No swipe at motoring

There was a discussion on the proposal to subsidise jobs wh: wd otherwise be lost.

Headline: This is being done increasingly in the capitalist world.



Tactics

I spoke of the Tamworth Manifesto & the Liberal Unionists
& 1931

Pym: The Labour Right are men of straw & will
always let us down.

Sally Oppenheim we must smash the Labour
Right; they constitute our worst danger.

W.W.W. The Liberals are trying to use the
Common Market for their own purposes. Roy Jenkins
would resign in the event of a "no" vote, but
would support the legislation to take ~~out~~ us

out.

George Younger The power resides in ^{Transp. Ho.} T.H. not
Parliament; we must try to increase the chance of a
split

Angus: They will never put their heads above the ~~paramount~~
parapet when there are any bullets flying around ☹

Raison - The real political divide is between the left & the right
of the Lab Party - Shute, Williams & Roy Jenkins are not as bad as
Pym says.

Stevs - Proportional Representation.

Atkins There are a substantial number of last ditchers on this
subject in our party. They wd: fight

Awey Neave The split will not come on the EEC, but on
economics in the autumn ☹

WMM = The Tony Vote will determine the result of the
Referendum. If we get them out, the answer will be "yes".

There was hardly a dull moment
