

# Lawson: Backing with gusto for monetarism

Mr Nigel Lawson like Mr Norman Tebbit, a member of Mrs Thatcher's old "Gang of Four", is a man after the Prime Minister's own heart and now enters the Cabinet at last.

He subscribes to her brand of "dry" conservatism with gusto and enthusiasm.

A vigorous and often pugnacious advocate of the Government's monetarist policies, he has been instrumental within the Treasury of keeping many frail spirits in line on public spending cuts and on a commitment to tight control of the money supply.

Mr Lawson was surprisingly passed over for promotion to **by staff reporters**

the Cabinet in the reshuffle earlier this year, in which Mr Leon Brittan was made Chief Secretary to the Treasury over his head. But Mrs Thatcher was determined to find him a job next time around.

He was not yet 30 when he was made the first City Editor of *The Sunday Telegraph* in 1961. From 1966 to 1970, after a spell as political adviser to Sir Alec Douglas-Home when he was Prime Minister, he edited *The Spectator*.

He became the MP for the safe rural constituency of Blaby, in Leicestershire, in 1974.