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cc, Sir Ronald Millar

SPEECH TO THE SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY RALLY - 7.00 P.M.
ON FRIDAY 13TH MAY 1983 AT THE CITY HALL, PERTH

1. The Prime Minister wants the following structure to the speech:-
 - (a) Introduction.
 - (b) The enormity of the task which we faced in May 1979.
 - (c) Scares v. Truth.
 - (i) "Under the Tories the Scottish Development Agency would be deprived of funds and I believe it would die. Government assistance to industry would be withdrawn".
(Mr John Smith, Secretary of State for Trade - The Scotsman, 20th April 1979)
 - (ii) "There can be no doubt that when Mrs Thatcher talks about Tory cuts in public expenditure, the future level of pensions is an item high on her list".
(Mr Roy Hattersley - 19th April 1979)
 - (iii) The Conservatives will destroy the National Health Service.
 - (iv)
 - (v)

2. There will be scares this time too. The Electorate should treat these scares with the same contempt as they did last time.
3. What is really scaring is the actual policy of the Labour Party as set out in thier document "The New Hope for Britain", published in March 1983 - the most extreme proposals ever put before the British people by any Opposition.
4. Warning about the danger of voting for the Alliance - the Liberals who kept the last Labour Government in power - the SDP who are soppo Socialists anyway.
5. Signs of recovery in Scotland and in the rest of the Kingdom.
6. The continuity of Conservatism and our policy for:-
 - (a) Defence
 - (b) Jobs
 - (c) Prosperity
 - (d) Home ownership in Scotland
 - (c) Taxation
7. What could be more appropriate than to launch the Conservative and Unionist Campaign in Scotland - from here we will take our message into every corner of the Kingdom.
8. Herewith:-
 - (a) Introduction
 - (b) Draft prepared by Jock Bruce-Gardyne
 - (c) Pages 12 and 13 prepared by Jock Bruce-Gardyne
 - (d) Letter from the Scottish Office dated 3rd May 1983
 - (e) Manuscript "Good News" from the Scottish Office
 - (f) "Smears"

INTRODUCTION

ANALYSIS OF THE

SCARF V. RECORD.

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LABOUR POLICE - MOST EXTENSIVE EVIDENCE
WARNING OF ALLIANCE

SIGNS OF RECORD IN SCOTLAND

(LOW. ORIGIN?)

~~DEFENCE~~ POLICE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

WITH GOVT COUNCIL

(1) DEFENCE

WITH GOVT COUNCIL DO.

(2) JOBS

(3) PROSPERITY

Home OWNERSHIP IN SCOTLAND

TAX

OPPORTUNITY NOW.

GO ON

FOOD PACKS

7 lbs Fruit & jam at
ans.

FURTHER LABOUR SMEARS DURING THE 1979 ELECTION CAMPAIGN

- ✓ 1. "Conservative policies - like wrecking the Price Commission - would let prices rip". (James Callaghan, The Sun, 2nd May 1979).

Conservative policies have reduced inflation to its lowest level in fifteen years. Labour on the other hand more than doubled prices.

- ✓ 2. "Conservatives want big spending cuts. They would hit hardest at those most in need." (James Callaghan, The Sun, 2nd May 1979).

Since 1979 the Conservatives have raised pensions faster than the rise in prices. Supplementary Benefits have also been raised ahead of prices.

- 3. "Since the Tories have committed themselves to substantial increases in spending on defence and law and order, this would involve a cut of 16% on average in all other programmes." (Denis Healey, Labour Party Press Conference, 30th April 1979).

Conservatives have increased expenditure on Social Security from £16,437 million to £34,394 million in 1983/4. Resources going to the NHS have increased by 17% more than the expected rise in prices.

- 4. As examples of possible consequences of a reduction in public expenditure of £4,000 million per annum by the Conservatives, Labour said:

(a) "There would be no new roads built in Britain". (Labour Party Statement, 30th April 1979).

Nearly 300 miles of new motorways and trunk roads have been opened since May 1979, including 43 by-passes.

(b) "There would be no new schools built either". (Ibid).

Although the DES have not yet come up with the exact figures this is totally untrue.

(c) "Expenditure on the arts would be reduced by half. Covent Garden and the National Theatre would be closed". (Ibid).

Central Government expenditure on the arts has increased by 52% since 1979/80. The National Theatre and Covent Garden are flourishing.

- ✓ 5. "The living standards of everyone would be reduced". (James Callaghan, Chatham, 30th April 1979).

Under Labour, real net take home pay fell for households at average earnings. Under us, it is expected to rise by 5-5½%.

- ✓ 6. "As to the Conservatives, on their own admission, they will be the 'dear food party'." (James Callaghan, Wandsworth, 23rd April 1979)

Under Labour food prices more than doubled with an increase of nearly 120%. Between May 1979 and March 1983, the retail food price index rose by 35%.

7. "Now they would give the oil to the multi national oil corporations". (James Callaghan, Glasgow, April 1979).

The 1964 Continental Shelf Act vested ownership of all UK North Sea oil assets in the British nation. (It was a Conservative Act). The Government has powers to control licensing, landing, development, depletion, flaring and many other actions of oil companies.

8. "But the most silly and dangerous aspects of Tory industrial policy is their threat to kill off Inmos". (Eric Varley, Press Conference, 25th April 1979).

Inmos is supported through the British Technology Group. The 1983 budget contained a £233 million technology package. In Scotland, as many people are employed in electronics as in steel, coal and shipbuilding combined.

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