

NB. There will be no meeting of the Group tomorrow.

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS: 10th May 1983

1. Is my RHF aware that many investors have recently been reluctant to commit their money to this country due to the uncertainty created by speculation about an election and the irresponsible policies being advocated by the Opposition? Is she further aware that her announcement yesterday has been widely welcomed within the business community, who can now look forward to a further period of stable Conservative Government?
2. Is my RHF aware that the party opposite has so far adopted four supporters of the Militant Tendency as parliamentary candidates including Mr. Pat Wall who has called for a Marxist Labour Government, the abolition of the monarchy and House of Lords, and the sacking of the generals, police chief and senior civil servants and judges? Will my RHF call upon the leader of the Opposition to disown these candidates?
3. Has my RHF seen that the CBI has called on the Government to abolish the GLC and all other metropolitan county councils which they describe as inefficient and overspending? Will she assure the House that she will give this matter priority in her second term of office?
4. Has my RHF seen the remarks of the Chairman of GKN last week and now of the Chairman of the TI Group that economic recovery is now under way? Does she not agree that this news is extremely encouraging and does she not regret the fact that the Opposition refuse to accept that the outlook is now improving?
5. Has my RHF seen that Northern Engineering Industries has won a £70 million power plant order from Singapore, beating competition from Europe, America and Japan? Would she congratulate Northern Engineering Industries on this achievement and does she not agree that this demonstrates that Britain is capable of competing with any country in the world?
6. Is my RHF aware that the Communist Government in Budapest have recently been selling state owned flats on the grounds that those who become private owners in these buildings are well placed to maintain and keep them in a good state? Does she not find it strange that a Communist Government recognises the wisdom of Conservative policy whereas the Labour Party would remove council tenants' right to buy?