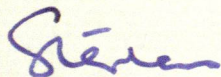


PRIME MINISTER

Meeting with the National Officers and Area Chairmen of the  
Young Conservatives on Thursday, 15th December at 6.30 pm  
at the House of Commons

1. Michael Spicer, Peter Brooke and I will also be present.
2. The Chairman of the YCs is Phil Pedley. He is serving his second term of office. He fought the last Election in Halton. He works for Ford Credit in Liverpool.
3. Also present will be four Vice-Chairmen and eleven Area Chairmen.
4. Membership of the YCs is now rising as a direct result of new branches formed after the General Election.
5. Topics for discussion. They have told me that in discussion they would like to raise the following:
  - (i) The YC organisation.
  - (ii) The British Youth Council (see Flag A attached).
  - (iii) Housing for young people, in particular homesteading (see Flag B attached).
  - (iv) Defence and disarmament.
6. The question of the leaked report on possible infiltration of the YCs in the Party by the far right might possibly be raised. The position is that there will be no report as such. The conclusions and recommendations of the small Working Committee will be sent to the Party Chairman and the Chairman of the National Union in due course.



Stephen Sherbourne

14th December 1983



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The British Youth Council

Last Saturday, December 10th the YC National Advisory Committee threatened to withdraw from the British Youth Council because they believe it is a politically biased organisation. This reflects increasing concern of both the YCs and the FCS over the increasing politicisation of the British Youth Council.



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## Housing for Young People

1. Homesteading - This is the sale of unimproved dwellings for improvement by the purchaser. The Environment Secretary can give a local authority consent to waive the interest payment on the mortgage it grants for homesteading for up to five years. So far 5,400 houses have been sold for homesteading. It was pioneered by the Conservative GLC. Such schemes are undertaken by 72 authorities (including Barnet). Obviously Inner Cities provide the greatest opportunity.

The Government has also taken other initiatives to help first-time buyers.

2. Sale of land for starter homes - local authorities and new towns selling land to private house builders.
3. Building for sale - partnership schemes between local authorities and private house builders whereby building for sale is carried out on local authorities' own land.
4. Improvement for sale - central Government grants are available to local authorities and housing associations which have improved run-down dwellings for sale.
5. Shared ownership - local authorities, new towns and housing associations can offer shared ownership where they may be selling a dwelling.



America

I have talked to Peter Brown SS talk Tim Coverell.  
office - they will let me or you know  
tomorrow (Thurs Dec 8) if PB can come.

PRIME MINISTER

TX Love downsp.

Steve 7/12.

MEETING WITH YOUNG CONSERVATIVES ON DECEMBER 15th, 1983 AT 6.00pm

1. I imagine you would like this to follow the same format as your recent meeting with the Federation of Conservative Students.
2. Michael Spicer will attend as the Vice Chairman responsible.
3. I think it would help to have a Minister present in case - as happened with the FCS - you are held up on Government business. I suggest Peter Morrison.

Do you agree?

Stephen.  
Stephen Sherbourne

28th November, 1983

I think it would  
be a good idea also to have  
Peter Brooke as he attended  
the F.C.S.

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time changed  
to 6.30