

THE NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATIONS

Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday 14th February

(Resolutions received from Constituency, Area and other organisations)

1. Withdrawal of Rail Services

"This Committee is concerned at the reports of withdrawal of Rail Services, both passenger and freight, west of Taunton, in view of the great importance to the economy and the life of the South west and calls upon the Government to ensure that the interests of the South West are protected."

Carried unanimously at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western Area Council at which there were 37 members present.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. Nicholas Ridley, M.P.

2. Voting rights to Britons abroad

"This Conference welcomes the forthcoming extension of voting rights to Britons abroad, but regrets the proposed seven-year cut-off limit and recommends that it be removed for British citizens resident in countries of the European Community."

Carried by the Executive Committee of the British Conservative Association in France.

Forwarded to: David Mellor M.P.

3. Extending the Franchise to British citizens resident abroad

"This Association, while welcoming the promised legislation on extending the franchise to British citizens resident abroad, opposes the proposal to limit this to those who have been registered in the U.K. during the past seven years. In this Association's view, the franchise should be extended to all British citizens who have the right of abode in the U.K. and that they should have the right to vote in the constituency where they last lived or where their parents last resided."

Carried unanimously by the Executive Committee of the British Conservative Association in Switzerland.

Forwarded to: David Mellor M.P.



4. Preventive Medicine and Health Education

"This Conference urges greater awareness in the field of preventive medicine and urges the Government to continue in its endeavours to give increasing importance to preventive and health education."

Carried by an overwhelming majority at the Northern Area Half Yearly Council Meeting held on Saturday 24th November attended by 130 members.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler, M.P.

5. Reaffirmation of the laws governing obscenity and pornography.

"This Conference demands that urgent action be taken to reaffirm the intention of the laws governing obscenity and pornography which have become debased by the liberal interpretation of the phrase "tendency to corrupt and deprave".

Carried unanimously by the Northern Area Half Yearly Council Meeting held on Saturday 24th November attended by 130 members.

Forwarded to: Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan, Q.C., M.P.