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Prime Minister

Invergordon

The Scottish newspapers have it that Invergordon is to be discussed at E on Tuesday. Please see attached cuttings.

I have suggested to Mr Younger's office that they draft alternative forms of words for use (by you at Questions and by Mr Younger) after the meeting — and for discussion, perhaps, at the meeting.

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Thatcher boost for Invergordon

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Highland case may yet save the smelter

By STUART LINDSAY
and WILLIAM RUSSELL

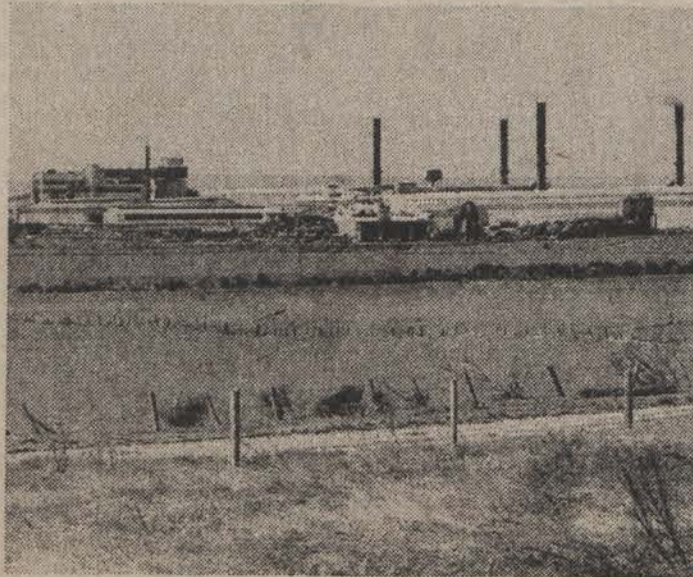
HOPES soared last night that the Invergordon smelter would reopen soon after the unprecedented success of a Highland delegation who argued the case with the Prime Minister.

For an hour they presented arguments on the impact of the closure on the region, and the country. At the close the delegation announced themselves well satisfied with the outcome.

In an unusual move Mrs Thatcher made it known that she had been deeply impressed by the delegation from the Highland Regional Council, Ross and Cromarty District Council and the action committee representing the 890 smelter workers who lost their jobs. She was particularly impressed by the fact that the delegation did not "come in and thump the table."

Yesterday's main development was the Prime Minister's keen interest in the proposal, first made by Rear-Admiral David Dunbar-Nasmith that the power contract for the smelter should be based on the cost of hydro-electricity generated in the Highlands at 0.8p per unit and fed into the national grid rather than the nuclear generation costs of 1.7p per unit based on production costs at the Hunterston 'B' power station. This had led the smelter into making a £200 loss on every tonne of aluminium being produced.

This argument was developed strongly by the convener of the district council, Mr George Finlayson, who told the Prime Minister: "The Highlands are really wealthy beyond their wildest dreams. Cheap electricity was supposed to regenerate the local economy but it has not been harnessed in the Highlands, although we have enough for major industry and the local consumers."



INVERGORDON: Time is the crucial factor now

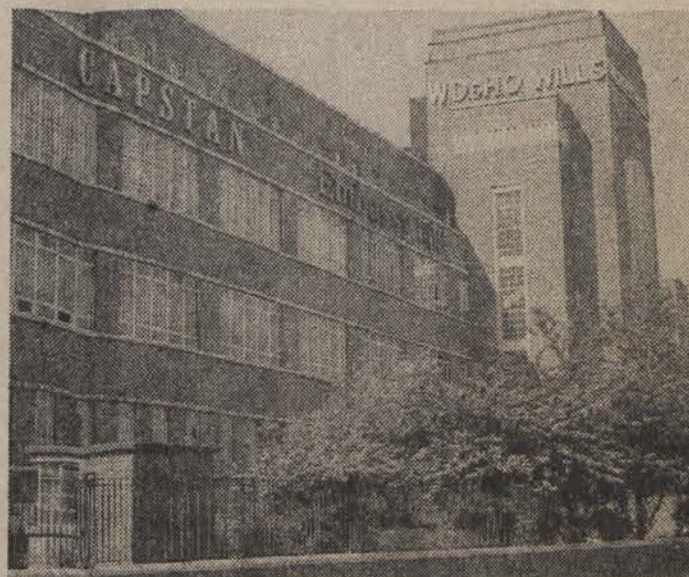
"I am not living in a dreamland," said Mr Finlayson. "I'm living in the real world. We have the resources and we have the people dedicated to the success of the smelter."

Mr Finlayson's plea to Mrs Thatcher was the one which all observers at the meeting agreed had made the greatest impact. Ross and Cromarty MP Mr Hamish Gray, Minister of State for Energy, said: "No stone will be left unturned to try to find a solution to the problems of reopening the smelter now. The Prime Minister has been most impressed."

Mrs Thatcher herself told the delegation: "I am very impressed by your presentation, the sincerity and the deep concern you expressed. Clearly I want to help you. I cannot say 'yea' or 'nay' today."

"You have put a very impressive case. Clearly the greatest hope lies in the hydro-electric option which the Government are already looking at and we will now actively pursue it with the greatest possible urgency."

While the Act by which the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric board was established gives them



ALEXANDRA PARADE: 600 jobs will go in 1984

the duty of regenerating the Highland economy, and in particular large power users, it also provides that they must protect domestic consumers. Government thinking is that legislation would be required for any power deal basing the price to the smelter on Hydro-generation costs. Time is also running, out with the smelter on a care-and-maintenance basis only until June.

Shadow Scottish Secretary Mr Bruce Millan, while he saw the problems of a hydro-based power price and consequent tariff increases for the North board's

domestic consumers, did not indicate that he would be opposed to any special legislation which might reopen the smelter.

All members of the Highland delegation were equally buoyed up by their meeting with the Prime Minister. Action committee chairman Mr Archie McGreevy said: "The smelter was born out of a political decision that the UK should be self-supporting in aluminium and we are maintaining that the logic now is as strong as it was 15 years ago. We feel that view is shared by Mrs Thatcher."

(David) at Keiso Maternity Hospital, on 12th March, 1982, both well; thanking all in attendance.

CAMPBELL — At Keiso Cottage Hospital, on 12th March, 1982, to ALASTAIR and MARGARET (nee Byrne), a daughter. Lorna Anne, both well; a sister for Fiona and Karen.

CHILTON — ELIE and LOUISE are pleased to announce the birth of a son (Joseph) at Ayr.

CAMERON — At Dunoon General Hospital, on 15th March, 1982, ALEXANDER (Alistair) CAMERON (formerly of Barclay & Sons, Greenock), beloved husband of Martha, Rosemount Bungalow, Marine Parade, Hunter's Quay, Argyll, and dear father of Ian, Service at Kilm Parish Church (Crypt), on Friday, 19th inst., at 1.20 p.m.; funeral thereafter to Greenock Crematorium.

HARDEN — Suddenly, at home, 9 Ailsa Drive, Langside, Glasgow, on 15th March, 1982, JOAN MARY ROFF, beloved wife of the late Philip Alan Harden and dear mother of Jane and John. Funeral service at Linn Crematorium, Lainshaw Drive, Glasgow G45, on Thursday, 18th inst., at 3.30 p.m.; flowers or letters, please.

MIMNAGH — On 15th March, 1982, MARY JOSEPHINE REILLY, beloved wife of the late James Mimnagh, and dear mother of Adrian, Paul, James and Colette; fortified by rites of Holy Church; R.I.P. Remains to St Margaret's R.C. Church, Johnstone, tomorrow (Wednesday), receiving at 6 p.m.; Requiem Mass on Thursday, 18th inst., at 10 a.m.; funeral thereafter to Abbey Cemetery.

MITCHELL — Peacefully, Leverdaile Hospital, Glasgow, on 12th March, 1982, SARAH MITCHELL, aged 82 years, beloved wife of the late Irvine, loving mother of Bill, and dear grandmother of Nicola and Susan. Funeral service at Linn Crematorium, (St Mungo Chapel), Lainshaw Drive, Glasgow, G45, on Thursday, 18th inst., at 1 p.m., to which all friends are respectfully invited; family flowers only, please.

PATON — At Kilmarnock Infirmary, on 15th March, 1982, ELINOR LEDINGHAM LOCH, 99 Sillars Meadow, Irvine, wife of the late William P. G. Paton and dear mother of Bill, Joan, and John. Funeral service at Masonhill Crematorium, by Ayr, on Thursday, 18th inst., at 2 p.m., for all friends desiring to attend; no flowers, please.

PERKINS — Peacefully, at Ballochmyle Hospital, Mauchline, on 14th March, 1982, JOHN WILLIAM PERKINS, aged 64 years, 5 Victoria Road, Saltcoats, beloved husband of Elizabeth Perkins.

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JAMES McNICOL, 3 Dalrymple Drive, Torrance, eldest son of the late Robert and Robina McNicol, dear brother of the family. Funeral service at Campsie Churchyard, tomorrow (Wednesday), at 1.30 p.m.; all friends respectfully invited.

McWHIRTER — Peacefully, at Ballochmyle Hospital, Mauchline, on 14th March, 1982, GILBERT MILROY, in his 79th year, 27 Boswell Crescent, Cumnock, (late of Sunny-side Farm, near Cumnock), dear father and grandfather of the family. Funeral service at Doune Cemetery, Girvan, tomorrow (Wednesday), at 2 p.m.

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AGREEMENT on most of the major problems threatening the future of Hoover's troubled Cambuslang factory has been reached following a series of meetings yesterday between unions and management.

The company can now go ahead transferring machinery from the redundant Perivale plant near London to allow production of a new "Junior" cleaner model to begin at Cambuslang.

Talks will continue today to work out temporary bonus payments connected with the transfer and to finalise details of maintenance contracts.

Mr Eddie McAvoy, shop stewards' convener at the plant, said last night: "By tomorrow evening, there should no longer be any problems. I am confident that final agreement will be reached, and hopeful that the company's directors will come up with a wage increase for this year."

year-old girl friend, it was alleged in the High Court, Dumfries, yesterday.

William MacKenzie, 17, was said to have told a detective that he was promised £120 by the two women. He was said to have collected £70 and to have taken £50 from the victim's pocket.

Detective Inspector Thomas McLean told the jury of nine women and six men that MacKenzie had confessed to shooting Mr Little several times, once through the head.

MacKenzie, the widow, Mrs Veronica Little, 30, and the girl friend Elaine Haggarty, are all accused of murdering Mr Little, 34, last November 25.

It is alleged that MacKenzie, of Cairn Drive, Lincluden, Dumfries, shot Mr Little with a .22 rifle in the back garden of Haggarty's home in Cairn Circle, Lincluden, and that Mrs Little, also of Cairn Circle, and Haggarty paid MacKenzie to do the killing. They deny this.

All three deny murdering Mr Little and MacKenzie has lodged a special plea incriminating Mrs Little.

Mr Little's body was found near a lay-by on an unclassified road near the village of Terregles, four miles away. MacKenzie and

Osborne Crescent, Lochside, Dumfries, a mile away.

Inspector McLean said that on December 2 last year, at Penicuik police office, he saw MacKenzie who allegedly made a full confession under caution after declining to see a solicitor.

MacKenzie told him, said the inspector, that a few days before the murder Haggarty asked if she could borrow his rifle. He agreed. She said she and Mrs Little were going to shoot rabbits.

"On the Tuesday, November 24, Elaine asked me if I would shoot David Little," the alleged statement went on, "and she and Veronica would pay me £120 as Little had beaten them up on occasions and threatened to kill Elaine if she didn't keep on going out with him."

"I agreed to kill him. I tried on the Tuesday night because I knew where he could be, but I didn't have the guts to do it."

The next evening he went into Haggarty's back garden and waited for Little. "There were too many people about so I hid the gun and went to the inn to play darts with Vincent Haggarty."

"After a few games we left the inn and I went home and got changed. I went down to Veronica

and a man hours after I heard him coming up the lane with Elaine."

MacKenzie allegedly continued that Mr Little came out of the house about five minutes later and was going back across the garden when he fired.

"He fell down and he got back up again and he started running towards me until he saw me, then he changed direction," MacKenzie's alleged confession goes on, "I shot him twice more and when he was down I walked up and shot him again in the head."

"I jumped over the fence into the field and hid for a few minutes to see if anyone would come out. Elaine Haggarty, her father and her wee sister came out of the house, but they didn't see the body and they went back in."

"I took the gun over to Veronica Little's house and told her what I had done. She said she had heard the shooting. She said 'Well done,' and asked if I wanted the money then, I said I would get it in the morning."

Shortly after midnight, according to the alleged confession, MacKenzie and Haggarty decided to move the body. He got the car keys from Mr Little's pocket and Haggarty went for the car.

MacKenzie is alleged to have

wheelbarrow, picked up three cartridge cases and dropped them down a drain.

"Veronica and Elaine came up to my house on the Thursday evening," the alleged statement went on, "and paid me £70 as I had already got £50 from Little's pocket when I took the car keys. On the Friday afternoon I deposited the £120 in the bank in Queensberry Square, Dumfries. Elaine told me if he was discovered she would take the blame for killing him as it was them that wanted him dead."

Inspector McLean said MacKenzie had been "very cool, calm and precise," and said he wanted to go to America and Japan to learn martial arts. He didn't know how he was going to explain matters to his father. The inspector said: "They were the sort of remarks you would expect from a child. I found his behaviour odd."

Joseph McKenna, 50, of Murray Street, Annan, said that last December he was in the courthouse at Dumfries and discussed the case with MacKenzie. "He said he had done it and there were two women involved."

The case continues today.

FARMING

Consumers claim sums are wrong

From CRAIG ANDERSON in Brussels

EEC consumers yesterday launched their latest attack on the European Community's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) as Farm Ministers sat down in Brussels for their first

refuses to accept the proposed cut of around four percentage points in the existing British monetary compensatory amount (MCA) of 8.4%, the in-

prices rather than to push them up. He stressed that, since the end of 1978, the retail price index for all products had risen by 51%, whereas food prices had gone up by

Fatstock sales

Average fatstock prices at UK markets yesterday were: Cattle 102.45p a kg. (-0.01p on the week), sheep 213.1p a kg. (+6.2p), pigs 79.3p a kg. (no change). In Scotland cattle numbers were up 2%, average price 102.27p a kg. (-0.69p), sheep were down 13.2%, 210.3p a kg. (+8p), and pigs were up 11.8%, 79.4p a kg. (no change). Metric weight ranges:

FORFAR					INSCH				
No.	High	Avg.	Chge.		No.	High	Avg.	Chge.	
CATTLE (p per kg.)					Cattle (p per Kg.)				
Steers—					Steers—				
Lt.	8	122.2	106.6	+0.7	Lt.	9	107.0	103.3	-1.5
Med.	43	121.2	106.1	-0.2	Med.	70	108.6	104.1	-1.6
Hvy.	48	111.2	106.0	+0.7	Hvy.	58	108.6	103.6	-0.9
Heifers—					Heifers—				
Lt.	3	104.2	102.6	+2.4	Lt.	38	101.2	98.0	-1.5
Med.	3	105.2	103.9	—	Med.	118	107.6	99.5	-1.8
SHEEP (per per kg.)					Hvy.				
Hoggets, unshorn—					Sheep (p per Kg.)				
15-17.5	9	200.6	198.5	—	Hoggets, unshorn—				
18-20.5	10	198.1	198.1	—	15-17.5	148	224.5	—	+23.8
21-24.5	10	193.7	188.3	-2.4	18-20.5	419	225.0	—	+5.3
25+	63	188.6	177.4	+4.8	21-24.5	488	211.9	196.2	+5.0
PIGS (p per kg.)					25+	30	189.2	184.9	+4.9
Prkr.	6	84.4	82.6	—	TURRIFF				
Ctrr.	19	91.4	85.1	—	No.	High	Avg.	Chge.	
Bcar	4	82.4	79.9	—					

Thatcher speeds move to save Invergordon

By GEOFFREY PARKHOUSE
and STUART LINDSAY

THE Prime Minister is to chair a special Cabinet committee early next week to continue work towards saving the Invergordon smelter.

Mrs Thatcher told the Invergordon delegation, who had 80 minutes with her at Downing Street on Monday, that she intended to accelerate the work being done by senior Cabinet colleagues to try to save the 890 jobs at stake.

The special Cabinet committee was set up by Mrs Thatcher who is determined to find a new power deal which will keep the plant going. Her Monday meeting with the Invergordon delegation has increased her determination to find a way out.

Before the meeting next week, will be a plan to channel all Scottish hydro-electric power in the Highlands to service the smelter. This would mean special legislation by the Scottish Office to maintain the statutory obligation on the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board to provide cheap domestic power for the Highlands.

This obligation would have to be met by Government action to use South of Scotland energy from coal, oil and nuclear power stations.

Cabinet Ministers, prodded by the Prime Minister, are working hard on devising a way by which this can be financed.

A short Scottish Office Bill would entail no problem in Parliament, as there could be

little opposition to it from the other parties.

Despite the urgency injected into the situation by the personal backing of the Prime Minister, it is unlikely that a solution can be thrashed out in time for the Hillhead by-election on March 25.

At a press conference in support of Mr Gerald Malone, the Tories' Hillhead candidate, Mr George Younger, Scottish Secretary of State, predicted that a new deal would be agreed upon to reopen Invergordon, but he emphasised that the timetable would prevent any announcement before next Thursday.

The provision of electricity to a reopened Invergordon smelter, at a price based on the generation costs of hydro schemes in the Highlands, could be put to the test

of public approval in six weeks.

Indications yesterday were that the Government may have decided to go ahead with the hydro option by that time. But if qualms expressed by shadow Scottish Secretary Mr Bruce Milne and others threaten that solution to the smelter problem, the elections for the Highland Regional Council in May could provide the public response to the proposal.

Meanwhile, at Fort William, 70 staff and shift foremen came out on strike at the British Aluminium Company's newly modernised smelter in protest against the drafting-in of some members of staff formerly employed by BA at Invergordon.

Profile of smelter's champion

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PARLIAMENT

Smelter hopes rise

Solution in hydro-electric contract

By MARTIN DOWLE, Our Political Correspondent

Hopes for saving the Invergordon smelter switched dramatically last night from a coal-based solution to a hydro-electric power contract following a meeting between the Prime Minister and a smelter delegation.

Mrs Thatcher declared the "greatest hope" now lay in the hydro-electric option, and she told the delegation: "We will now actively pursue it with the greatest possible urgency."

Scottish Office Ministers are now moving fast to try to stitch together a solution which they would dearly like before the Hillhead by-election next week

because of the political benefits for the Conservatives.

But it now means that the rescue plan — which up until now has been based on taking electricity from the coal-fired power station at Kincardine — is likely to rest on the long-term attractiveness of a hydro-electric contract.

The argument for hydropower was put forcibly to the Prime Minister by Mr George Finlayson, convener of Ross and Cromarty District Council, who claimed that it could be provided at the incredibly cheap rate of 0.8p per unit.

This compares with 1.0p for the smelter at Lynemouth, Northumberland, where Alcan have a special deal with the National Coal Board, and Anglesey, where the RTZ smelter, linked to the development of the Dungeness B nuclear power station, get their electricity at 1.3p per unit.

Invergordon, at the time of the closure, in their deal with the South of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, received their power at 1.7p per unit, though the Invergordon Action Group have been puzzled to see how it could have been less than 2p.

Mr Finlayson, who worked for 46 years on the accounting side of the North of Scotland Hydro Board, argued that a hydro-power contract could be implemented more swiftly than the Kincardine deal, and in the long term would be considerably cheaper.

He said that the coal plan had initial short-term attractions, because it would accelerate on cost, whereas the hydro plan would diminish looking into the long-term future.

The Prime Minister said after the meeting that she had been "really impressed" by the presentation, but it was being pointed out last night that no solution could involve any extra money being handed out by the Government.

The Government would in any event be racing against time to complete such a deal by June, when the six-month period over which British Aluminium, the former operators, agreed to keep the plant in working order, comes to an end.

Any hydro-power deal would require changes in legislation because the articles of association of the Hydro Board say that

Highland economy, they must also provide the electricity at an equal price for all consumers.

The plan put forward by the delegation yesterday would be two-thirds hydro-power and one-third from the grid, and it is understood that it would require a subsidy of 15p per consumer throughout the United Kingdom per annum.

In some ways, the hydro solution would be actually easier to implement than the coal-fired one, since under the latter the producer has to actually acquire all or part of a power station.

Mr Hamish Gray, Energy Minister and MP for Ross and Cromarty, who attended the Downing Street meeting, expressed the level of cautious optimism about saving the plant when he said: "I am too long in the tooth to raise hopes unnecessarily."

"We have seen the people of Easter Ross have their hopes raised and dashed on a number of occasions before. But I believe no stone will be left unturned to find a way of reopening the smelter," he said.

Mr John Robertson, vice-convenor of Highland Regional Council, summed up the delegation's mood as one of "qualified optimism," but argued that "euphoria" was a totally inappropriate word.

Family invited.

McLAREN — At Dun-
tochter Hospital, on
15th March, 1982.
WILLIAM McLAREN
(formerly of 12 Bal-
meg Avenue, Giffnock
and Brown Brothers
(Boxes) Ltd / Clyde
Packaging Ltd),
youngest son of the
late Mr and Mrs
William McLaren of
Bothwell and Pollok-
shields, brother of Mrs
William Shearer of
Troon. Funeral ser-
vice at Linn Crema-
torium, Lainshaw
Drive, G45 tomorrow
(Thursday) at 3 p.m.;
no flowers (by
request).

MARSHALL — Sudden-
ly, at the Western
Infirmary, Glasgow,
on 15th March,
1982. **ALEXANDER
ROBERTSON MAR-
SHALL**, 15 Vane
Road, Glasgow G14,
beloved husband of
Daisy and loved father
of Carla, and grand-
father of Susan and
Graeme. Funeral to
Glasgow Crema-
torium, Maryhill,
tomorrow (Thurs-
day), arriving at 10.25
a.m. to which all
friends are respect-
fully invited; no
flowers or letters.
please.

MARTIN — At Monk-
lands Hospital, Al-
drie, on 15th March,
1982. **CHRISTINA
LINDSAY**, 51 Lang-
side Avenue, View-
park, beloved wife of
the late Patrick Mar-
tin. Service at St.
Columba's RC
Church, tomorrow
(Thursday) at 10 a.m.;
funeral thereafter to
Bothwell Park
Cemetery, arriving at
10.45 a.m.

MEIKLE — Suddenly, at
home, Nether Kype-
saw Farm, Lesmahag-
ow, on 16th March,
1982.

WYLIE — Peacefully, at
Heathfield Hospital,
Ayr, on Monday, 15th
March, 1982 (after a
short illness). **JAMES
ALEXANDER**, beloved
husband of Elizabeth
Pattley, and father of
Evelyn and grand-
father of Brian, Ross,
and Yvonne. Funeral
service at Masonhill
Crematorium, By Ayr,
tomorrow (Thursday),
at 11.30 a.m.; no
flowers or cards.
please.

310. In Memoriam

McLAREN — In loving
memory of my dear
wife and our dear
mother, **JEAN**, died
17th March, 1981.
Just a memory fond
and true.
From those who
thought the world of
you.
— From her loving
husband, Tom, and
daughters Lyn, Jean,
and Sheila.

LOTHIAN — Liberals have
promised open government and
greater local democracy if they
are elected to power in the
regional elections in May. Their
manifesto, launched in Edinburgh
yesterday, also includes a 12-point
programme for encouraging
employment in the area.

The Liberals say they will bring

They also want to set
committees in each area
region to gather local views
relieve the main
committees of much
decision-making.

Among their ideas
encouraging employment
fund to help local business
competition for new and

FARMING

Feed men hit at EEC levy move

By IAN MORRISON

A NEW Common Market
threat to the housewife's
shopping basket came
under attack yesterday
from animal feed manu-
facturers.

Compounders claim that
by keeping input costs in
the production of meat and
milk down to the "absolute
minimum" they have
helped livestock farmers

brans and other milling
offals. "If the proposal is
implemented a valuable
raw material will become
totally uneconomic," he
warned.

Other substitutes such as
maize, gluten, and
brewers' and distillers'
grains were also coming
under closer scrutiny by
Brussels.

shaw, explained: "We don't
want to see it go up by
more than 6% or the gap
between EEC and world
cereal prices will widen.

Craig Anderson writes
from Brussels: As
Common Market Farm
Ministers continued their
"mini marathon" negoti-
ations over this year's EEC
farm price rises, Mr Peter

Estate owners' radical scheme

ESTATE owners in Scot-
land have produced radical
proposals for an integrated
national policy to protect
less-favoured rural areas,
such as the Highlands and
Islands.

Their submission to
the House of Commons
Agricultural Committee —
whose members are com-

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

General Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries

House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts 1949 to 1979

NOTICE OF REVISION OF PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

LOTHIAN REGION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Boundary Commission for Scotland, having considered the report of the local inquiry held at Edinburgh on 29 and 30 April, and on 1 and 4 May 1981, by the Assistant Commissioner, Sheriff Principal F. W. F. O'Brien, have decided to revise their provisional recommendations for parliamentary constituencies in Lothian Region by altering the contents, in so far as they affect City of Edinburgh District only, as follows:

Name of Constituency (1)	Contents of Constituency (2)	197 Parliamentary Electorate (3)
BURGH CONSTITUENCIES		
Edinburgh Central	The following regional electoral divisions and district wards in the City of Edinburgh District:	56,600
Edinburgh East	21, 26, 27, 28, 29	52,000
Edinburgh Leith	22, 30, 31, 39 and district ward 30	62,900
Edinburgh South	12, 13, 14, 17, 18 and district ward 29	60,800
Edinburgh Pentlands	32, 33, 34, 37, 38	57,800
Edinburgh West	10, 24, 25, 35, 36	58,500
	11, 15, 16, 19, 20	

FOOTNOTE

- The regional electoral divisions and the district wards referred to in column (2) are as constituted by the Lothian Region (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 and the City of Edinburgh District (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 respectively.
- The 1978 electoral quota, which is being used in the present general review, is 53,649.
- A copy of this notice, with the Assistant Commissioner's report and maps illustrating the revised recommendation, may be inspected at the following Regional / District Council premises:

Regional Headquarters, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh
 City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh
 Blackhall Library, Hillhouse Road, Edinburgh
 Colinton Library, Thorburn Road, Edinburgh
 Corstorphine Library, Kirk Loan, Edinburgh
 Fountainbridge Library, Dundee Street, Edinburgh
 Gilmerton Library, Gilmerton Dykes, Edinburgh
 Leith Library, Ferry Road, Edinburgh
 Morningside Library, Morningside Road, Edinburgh
 Portobello Library, Rosefield Avenue, Edinburgh
 Sighthill Library, Sighthill Wynd, Edinburgh
 Stockbridge Library, Hamilton Place, Edinburgh
 District Council Office, Kirkcaldy
 District Council Office, South Queensferry
 Council Buildings, Court Street, Haddington
 Brunton Hall, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh
 1 White Hart Street, Dalkeith
 14 Lothian Street, Bonnyrigg
 2 Clerk Street, Loanhead
 33 High Street, Penicuik
 District Headquarters, South Bridge Street, Bathgate
 County Buildings, Linlithgow
 1 Cedric Rise, Dedridge, Livingston
 8 Newtown Street, Duns
 District Council Sub-Office, Eyemouth

REPRESENTATIONS with regard to these revised recommendations should be made within one month of the date of publication of this notice and should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Scotland, Room 226, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DE.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

General Review of

House of Commons

NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

BORD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Boundary Commission for Scotland, having considered the report of the local inquiry held at BORD on 24 March 1981 by the Assistant Commissioner, O'Brien, Q.C., have decided to revise their provisional recommendations for parliamentary constituencies in BORD only, namely:

- the proposed county constituency of Roxburgh and Berwickshire
- The proposed county constituency of Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale

A copy of this notice and maps illustrating the revised recommendation, may be inspected at the following Regional / District Council premises:

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REPRESENTATIONS with regard to these revised recommendations may be made to the Assistant Commissioner for Scotland, Room 226, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DE.

Dated this 16th day of March 1981
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George's case melts the Iron Lady

By STUART LINDSAY

THE SLIGHT, silver-haired figure of George "Dodie" Finlayson, convener of Ross and Cromarty District Council, looks the least likely on earth, and he would be the first to agree, to rivet the attention of Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Yesterday, however, when the full impact was being assessed of the delegation which succeeded in persuading Mrs Thatcher that the Invergordon smelter should and could be re-opened, it was his contribution which everyone agreed had tipped the balance.

For the pensioner bachelor, born on a croft not far from his present home in Muir of Ord, it was back to the corridors of more mundane power.

He played down his own contribution: "I think the whole delegation performed magnificently — it was superbly planned and presented and everyone made a contribution.

"I was concentrating on the vital issue of the power contract, but I think others were concerned with even more important issues; the people concerned, a young workforce most of them with young families whose lives could be destroyed.

"I always felt that if we could get Mrs Thatcher's ear and put our case she would listen to us and she would agree."

The strength of that case, however, owed much to Mr Finlayson's long-held and total commitment to the old ideal of cheap hydro power for the Highlands.

When he retired five years ago he had spent 46 years, from the age of 17, in the electricity industry, first with the Ross-shire Electricity Supply Company, then with the Grampian Supply Company and finally with the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board, in charge of their accounts in the Northern Area.

"I grudge every day when I see the millions of units of electricity which are pouring away down our Highland rivers, unused," he said.

In the early 1950s the Hydro board produced figures assessing that the potential of hydro power to produce 10,000m units of electricity in the Highlands existed, but only a third of that has been developed as the emphasis has shifted to nuclear power and the problems of obtaining capital for investment have multiplied.

For all that, however, George Finlayson believes that the hydro board has been the greatest force for progress in his region's history, arresting a century of depopulation.

"What we argued was quite simple," he said. "The resources of the Highlands should be used in the Highlands. Unless they are, what we all thought was a new dawn breaking when they opened the smelter, will turn out to be a pretty gloomy sunset."

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HOME NEWS

Make glue-sniffing urges SNP

A REGIONAL councillor has called for legislation to make the abuse of solvents and their sale to minors criminal offences.

SNP Councillor Henry Constable told Central Regional Council's social work committee yesterday that he felt the authorities were not going far enough in their efforts to stamp out glue-sniffing.

"We have tried to help through all the

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Prime Minister

2 MARSHAM STREET
LONDON SW1P 3EB

My ref:

Your ref:

19 March 1982

Dear Michael

The Secretary of State hopes that the Prime Minister will excuse his absence from E Committee next Tuesday 23 March. He is committed to a programme of meetings and visits in Liverpool all day Monday and Tuesday morning; and will then be travelling on to Glasgow to make a speech at the final rally of the Hillhead By-Election.

Yours sincerely
J Jacobs

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Private Secretary

Michael Scholar Esq