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NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATIONS.

Minutes of a meeting of the National Union Executive Committee held at 32 Smith Square, on Thursday 13th June, 1985 at 2.15 p.m.

Lord Sanderson of Bowden took the Chair and the names of members present are recorded.

- 1) After welcoming those present, the Chairman asked that copies of the Report of the F.C.S. Committee of Enquiry be distributed and warned against anyone leaving the meeting with a copy before the Committee had discussed it.

The Chairman then congratulated the following on their elections and thanked their retiring predecessors:

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| President of Scotland | - Mr. Iain McCrone succeeding Mr. Donald Maclean. |
| West Midlands | - Mr. Michael Price succeeding Mrs. Alma Hill, C.B.E. |
| East Midlands | - Mr. John Mason succeeding Mr. Bill Morton C.B.E. |
| Western Area | - Mr. Michael Carter succeeding Mr. Gordon Shattock |

He also congratulated Mrs. Mary Tomlinson O.B.E. on her confirmation by election as Chairman of the North West Area.

The Chairman sought and was granted leave to vary the Agenda for the meeting by calling immediately the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security to make his presentation, and to include a full discussion on the F.C.S. Enquiry Report later in the meeting.

- 2) The Chairman then invited Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler M.P. to give his presentation on the Review of the Social Services with the aid of his slides. After Mr. Fowler's presentation he answered a number of questions, was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting.
- 3) Apologies for Absence.

The Secretary reported apologies for absence from 17 members.

- 4) Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 25th April, 1985.

These had been circulated with the Agenda as appendix 'A'. They were approved by the meeting as a correct record and signed.

5) Business Arising from the Minutes.

a) The Chairman confirmed the date of the next Executive Dinner for Wednesday 5th February 1986.

b) Party Conference - Blackpool.

The Chairman announced that further security meetings had been held and the Secretary reported on the arrangements for the issue of passes. Mr. Jeffery Archer had accepted the invitation to make the financial appeal. The Chairman reminded the meeting of the importance of motions being submitted to guide the Agenda Sub Committee in their choices.

c) Social Affairs Forum.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Michael Chaplin C.B.E. and Mr. Chris Gent had accepted invitations to serve as Vice Chairmen of the Forum. Dame Joan Seccombe stressed the importance of having the right person as Chairman in the Areas and she had asked that people with appropriate professional experience or voluntary work qualifications be selected. The public launch of the Forum was planned for Monday 16th September.

d) Requiem Committee.

The Chairman announced that the profit exceeded £27,000 and a decision on its distribution would be made shortly. He congratulated the Committee on its success.

6) S.C.U.A. Conference.

Mr. Donald Maclean reported on the success of the Scottish Conference held in Perth which had greatly improved the morale of the organisation. Mr. Iain McCrone congratulated Mr. Maclean on his Chairmanship of the Conference.

7) Conservative Golf Tournament.

The Chairman invited Sir Basil Feldman to give details of the Conservative Golf Tournament he is organising on 29th October, and congratulated him on the initiative. Sir Basil Feldman said that full details would be circulated shortly.

8) F.C.S. Committee of Enquiry.

The Chairman invited Sir Donald Walters, Chairman of the Committee to present his report which had been circulated at the meeting. Sir Donald expanded on a number of matters contained in the report, and this was followed by a discussion in which a number of members of the Committee took part.

The Committee then resolved;

- a) to thank the members of the Committee of Enquiry for all the work they had put into the report - unanimously.
- b) to accept the review of the events at the Loughborough Conference - unanimously.
- c) To reappoint the Committee of Enquiry, together with the incoming Chairman of F.C.S. and one other F.C.S. member to consider the proposed rule changes in more detail and present an interim report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee on July 11th - carried by a overwhelming majority with 2 members voting against.

Mr. John Selwyn Gummer M.P., Chairman of the Party Organisation, then informed the meeting that following the publication of the report, he would discuss with F.C.S. the re-allocation of funds. He stated that the grant to the incoming Chairman would be paid for the coming year and he would be provided with facilities with which to work.

9) Executive Committee Elections.

The Secretary reported on the nominations as follows:-

Chairman of the Executive Committee - Lord Sanderson of Bowden

a) Three women to serve on the G.P. Committee:

Mrs. Susan Hill
Mrs. Judith Pratt
Mrs. Pam Smith J.P.

b) Three Young Conservatives to serve on the G.P. Committee:

Mr. Jeff Green
Mr. Nick Robinson
Cllr. Carl Ward

c) Three Trade Unionists to serve on the G.P. Committee:

Mr. Derek Fryer
Mr. Jim Gregson
Mr. Alan Shotliff

d) Three representatives to the Advisory Committee on Policy:

Mr. Patrick Lawrence C.B.E.
Sir Ian McLeod J.P.
Dame Joan Seccombe D.B.E., J.P.

e) Four Representtives to the Agents Examination Board:

Mrs. Joyce Billings
Sir Fred Hardman M.B.E.
Mrs. Alma Hill C.B.E.
Mr. Michael Taylor C.B.E.

For three men to serve on the General Purposes Committee.

There were five valid nominations received:

Mr. Michael Craig-Cooper C.B.E., T.D.
 Sir Fred Hardman M.B.E.
 Mr. David W. Mitchell C.B.E.
 Mr. Bill Morton C.B.E.
 Mr. Gordon Shattock M.R.C.V.S.

ballot papers would be issued shortly.

- 10) The draft dates for meetings and Conference for 1986 circulated with the notice were approved. A copy is annexed to these minutes.

11) Agents Employment Advisory Committee.

Three representatives to the Agents Employment Advisory Committee were appointed as follows:

National Union Officer	-	Dame Joan Seccombe D.b.E., J.P.
Area Chairmn	-	Mr. Stanley Odell
Area Treasurer	-	Mr. Malcolm Chaplin

Mr. Shattock was thanked for his work on the Committee.

12) Co-options to the Executive Committee.

The Chairman explained that this might be affected by the result of the ballot and the Committee agreed to defer this item to the July meeting.

13) Wales Area Rules Amendment.

An amendment to the Rules of the Wales Area to make the Chairman of the Area Local Government Committee an ex-officio Area Vice Chairman had been submitted from the Wales Area A.G.M. This was approved after the Chairman of the Wales Area, Mr. Zach Brierly had commended it.

Mr. Brierly also referred to the Brecon and Radnor by-election currently taking place and appealed for the maximum mutual aid.

14) Consideration of Motions received from Area, Constituency and other organisations.

Eight resolutions were circulated as Appendix 'C' with the notice. These were noted and the action taken approved.

15) Business for the next meeting on July 11th.

The Chairman said he hoped Rt. Hon. Tom King M.P. would be available to speak.

16) Any Other Business.

Mr. Edward Kellet-Bowman raised the question of Enterprise Boards and their possible political misuse by the Labour Party.

The Party Chairman said he would see if guidance could be issued on this subject.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.35 p.m.



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3rd June, 1985

To: Members of the Executive Committee

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meeting of the Executive Committee

Further to my letter of 15th April, I have pleasure in forwarding the agenda overleaf and relevant documents for the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in the Assembly Room at 32 Smith Square, Westminster, on Thursday 13th June at 2.15 p.m.

I am pleased to inform you that the Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Health and Social Security has accepted our invitation to speak about his Review of the Social Services.

Next Meeting

Preliminary Notice is given of the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Thursday 11th July at 32 Smith Square at 2.15 p.m. Notice of any business for inclusion in the agenda should reach me before Thursday 27th June.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY

THE NATIONAL UNION OF CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 13th JUNE 1985

A G E N D A

1. Chairman's opening remarks.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last meeting, held on 25th April 1985 (copy "A" attached).
4. Business arising from the Minutes.
5. S.C.U.A. Conference May 8th - 10th. Report.
6. Secretary of State for Health and Social Security - Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler M.P.
7. Report from the General Purposes Committee.
To receive a report from the Chairman on relevant matters considered at the General Purposes Committee meeting on 12th June, including the Committee of Enquiry on the F.C.S.
8. Executive Committee Elections.
To receive a report from the Secretary on those returned unopposed.
9. Meetings in 1986.
To consider possible dates for 1986 meetings (draft list "B" attached).
10. Agents' Employment Advisory Committee.
To appoint three representatives to this Committee.
11. Co-opted Members.
To co-opt to the Executive Committee no more than seven additional members in accordance with Rule XII (8).
12. Wales Area Rules - Amendment
To make the Chairman of the Area Local Government Committee an ex-officio Area Vice Chairman.
12. Consideration of resolutions received from Area, Constituency and other organisations (Copy "C" attached).
13. Business for the next meeting (Thursday 11th July).
14. Any other business by leave of the Chairman.