

Prime Minister

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

CONFERENCE

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INTRODUCTION

MY FIRST WORDS MUST BE OF GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO ORGANISED THIS CONFERENCE AND LOOKED AFTER OUR SECURITY, BRINGING US SAFELY TO THIS GREAT MASS MEETING.

My 1 say too personally delighted to see Ray at the back with me. - I put on the...

THERE ARE MANY HERE TODAY WHO ^{still} BEAR THE SCARS OF INJURY AND BEREAVEMENT INFLICTED LAST YEAR BY TERRORISTS WHEN THEY STRUCK IN THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

^{Ray} IT REMINDS US OF THE RISKS WE ^{all} TAKE AND WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE FOR FREEDOM.

- ① Margaret Elliot
- ② Thanks organisers
- ③ Identity: Pruders
- ④ All ~~the~~ ^{apparently} ~~the~~ ^{those who} ~~the~~ ^{what it is} ~~the~~ ^{below} ~~the~~ ^{not} ~~the~~ ^{holds} ~~the~~ ^{...}

AND I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD ABOUT OUR FRIEND AND
COLLEAGUE JOHN GUMMER WHOSE DEDICATION AND
TIRELESSNESS IN THOSE TRAUMATIC HOURS
AND FOR MANY DAYS AFTERWARDS WON UNIVERSAL
ADMIRATION.

WE THANK HIM FOR HIS ~~YEARS OF~~ CHAIRMANSHIP
OF OUR PARTY, ~~FOR~~ HIS UNFAILING SENSE OF
DUTY AND LOYALTY AND WISH HIM WELL IN HIS
NEW WORK AS A MEMBER OF OUR MINISTERIAL TEAM.

Mr. President,

IT IS TEN YEARS SINCE I FIRST ADDRESSED THIS CONFERENCE

AS LEADER.

IN THE SAME TOWN.

IN THE SAME HALL.

then
FROM ~~THE~~ SAME PLATFORM.

*I remember that meeting as though it were yesterday
The welcome the warmth the fierce spirit that came up for
already there only to well to rest that the hell.*

I REMEMBER THAT MEETING SO WELL.

*Mr. President - what
speech*

I SAID ~~THEN~~ THAT IT WAS NO PART OF MY

PURPOSE AS LEADER OF ~~OUR PARTY~~ TO PRESIDE

OVER THE CONTINUING DECLINE OF BRITIAN;

OVER DIMINISHING INTERNATIONAL ESTEEM;

OVER THE ~~DECLINE~~ *etc* OF INDEPENDENT SPIRIT.

*and as to
sustain me
further the
Year 1
I am r
then on
P.M.*

I also said

THAT IT WAS NO PART OF MY POLICY TO PERPETUATE SOCIALISM

BY PROXY.

SINCE THEN MUCH HAS CHANGED.

~~IT HAD TO.~~

But that hasn't

DO YOU REMEMBER BRITAIN THEN? *1979*

~~THE PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK WE INHERITED IN~~
~~1979.~~

~~THE BUTT END OF BAD JOKES AROUND THE WORLD.~~

We were KNOWN AS THE SICK MAN OF EUROPE.

WE MOUTHED THE LANGUAGE OF *A COMPASSION*

we BUT NO LONGER HAD THE WHERE WITH ALL TO PAY FOR
IT.

IT WAS A BRITAIN IN WHICH UNION LEADERS HELD
THEIR MEMBERS AND COUNTRY TO RANSOM.

A Britain that
WE STILL WENT TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES BUT
was
WERE NO LONGER TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

had come to expect
 WE EXPECTED THE GOVERNMENT TO DO MORE AND
 MORE AS WE WERE ~~PREPARED TO DO~~ ^{did} LESS AND
 LESS. *for ourselves.*

~~EARLIER~~ *YUK* GOVERNMENTS HAD FAILED TO TACKLE THE REAL
 PROBLEMS WHICH AFFLICTED US.
 THEN KNOWN AS THE "BRITISH DISEASE".

EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE OF ~~FINDING A WAY TO~~ ^{DOING} ~~AVOID~~ DIFFICULT
 PROBLEMS RATHER THAN ^E ~~FACING~~ UP TO THEM.
 THE QUESTION SO MANY GOVERNMENTS ASKED WAS
 - NOT "WILL IT WORK?" BUT
 "WILL THE MEDICINE TASTE ALRIGHT?"

WHAT A WAY TO RUN ^A THE COUNTRY.

WHAT WE COULDN'T DO BUT DID

Conrad's Note in the
WHEN WE SAID - "~~TRY IT OUR WAY~~"

THEY SAID - "FORGET IT".

BUT WE DIDN'T.

~~I REMEMBER IT WELL.~~

WE WERE TOLD YOU CAN'T REFORM THE TRADE UNIONS -

THEIR LEADERS WON'T LET YOU.

BUT WE DID.

WE WERE TOLD YOU CAN'T ABOLISH PRICES AND WAGES CONTROLS

- INFLATION WILL ~~GO~~ ^{shoot} UP.

BUT WE DID - AND IT CAME DOWN.

WE WERE TOLD YOU CAN'T GIVE COUNCIL TENANTS THE RIGHT

TO BUY - COUNCILS WON'T LIKE IT.

BUT WE DID - AND ^{the houses sold} ~~THEY WENT~~ LIKE HOT

CAKES.

THEY SAID YOU CAN'T DENATIONALISE - THE WORKFORCE

WON'T WEAR IT.

BUT WE DID AND THEY SNAPPED UP THE SHARES.

WE WERE TOLD YOU'LL NEVER ^{stand} ~~RESIST~~ A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL

STRIKE, LET ALONE A COAL STRIKE.

Mr. President,
~~WE DID~~ - EVEN THOUGH IT TOOK A WHOLE

YEAR, *but we did just that.*

~~and~~ *won.*

~~And~~ (= spirit the whole, in spirit of the written docs
And ~~For the whole of~~ ~~And~~ below I printed the
~~during that year~~ ~~which~~ ~~means~~ ~~that~~ ~~well~~ -

~~AND WHO WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE?~~

~~the~~ ~~idea~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~idea~~

~~I~~ ~~under~~ THREE MONTHS INTO THE STRIKE, MR. KINNOCK

~~SAID TO MR. SCARGILL AT A PUBLIC MEETING~~

~~"THE ONLY THING LEFT TO DO IS TO FIGHT"~~
~~roads are shut off.~~

[CHECK PRECISE WORDS]

AND WHAT D'U THINK WOULD HAVE HAPPENED AT LAST

WEEK'S LABOUR CONFERENCE IF MR. SCARGILL

HAD WON.

I THINK THE WHOLE COUNTRY KNOWS THE

ANSWER.

NEIL WOULD HAVE KNELT.

Inver

But courage was the win
the courage

~~AND HOW WAS THAT STRIKE WON?~~

BY THE WORKING MINERS.

BY THE WORKING LORRY DRIVERS.

BY THE WORKING RAILWAY MEN.

BY THE WORKING STEEL MEN

BY THE WORKING DOCKERS.

BY THE POWER WORKERS:

THE VERY PEOPLE THE LABOUR PARTY ~~REJECTED.~~

DISOWNED
P.O.A.

Mr. President

COURAGE IS NOT MAKING A SPEECH IN BOURNEMOUTH LONG

AFTER THE EVENT.

COURAGE IS WHAT YOU SHOW IN THE HEAT OF THE

BATTLE;

NOT AT THE POST-MORTEM.

B.

MR. PRESIDENT, IN THE SIX AND A HALF YEARS WE HAVE

SERVED THE NATION, SO MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

PRODUCTION, STANDARD OF LIVING AND INVESTMENT

ARE AT AN ALL TIME RECORD.

INFLATION IS DOWN.

PERSONAL OWNERSHIP IS GROWING.

OUR OVERSEAS INVESTMENT HAS MULTIPLIED MORE

THAN SIXFOLD; IT NOW BRINGS US AN ANNUAL

INCOME OF £2.5 BILLION.

THERE ARE 700 ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESSES

STARTING UP EVERY WEEK.

INDEED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY

THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES IN BRITAIN HAS

TOPPED ONE MILLION.

RATES OF ICNOME TAX ARE DOWN.

THREE TAXES HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED

ALTOGETHER (NATIONAL INSURANCE SURSHARGE;

INVESTMENT INCOME SURCHARGE; DEVELOPMENT

LAND TAX) IN THE LAST TWO YEARS SOME

650,000 ADDITIONAL JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED,

MORE THAN IN ALL THE REST OF THE EUROPEAN

COMMUNITY.

And
Blue over

MR. PRESIDENT, I AM ONLY TOO PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE

THREE AND A QUARTER MILLION UNEMPLOYED.

BUT WOULD A MORE CONTROLLED ECONOMY, OR

A SPENDTHRIFT ONE, OR AN INFLATIONARY, OR AN

OVERMANNED ECONOMY HAVE ALLEVIATED THIS

PERSONAL TRAGEDY?

*Scary ed, please
without the
feds looking at
ed's 1993
spending 100 weeks.*

*supply is no other product that has dropped so much I
believe time*

industries fully restricted markets

~~MR. PRESIDENT, IT WOULD HAVE MADE MATTERS WORSE.~~

FOR THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IS FOUNDED
~~ULTIMATELY~~ ON THE COMPETITIVENESS OF
BRITISH INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

WE ARE FREQUENTLY TOLD BY POLITICIANS AND POLLSTERS

THAT PEOPLE WOULD PREFER MORE INFLATION AND
LESS UNEMPLOYMENT.

BUT MR. PRESIDENT, INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT
ARE NOT ALTERNATIVE CHOICES: MORE INFLATION
WOULD ONLY PRODUCE A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN
UNEMPLOYMENT BEFORE BOTH TOO OFF AGAIN.

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY GOVERNMENTS -

THE LATEST IN 1973 AND 1978 - TO RISK A

RISE IN INFLATION IN THE HOPE OF REDUCING

UNEMPLOYMENT.

*work
regulation of work
higher unemployment*

ALL ENDED WITH MORE OF EACH.

HONEST MONEY, LESS ~~GOVERNMENT~~, ~~MANAGED CHANGE~~ THESE

regulation more election

WERE THE PLANKS ON WHICH WE WERE ELECTED AND

RE-ELECTED.

And the last 60,000 jobs have been created

PROGRESS IS ALWAYS UNEVEN.

THE VERY CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAVE

BROUGHT SUCH MATERIAL BLESSINGS HAVE INEVITABLY

DAMAGED OLDER INDUSTRIES, AS BEFORE IN OUR

HISTORY SOME COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN LEFT

TEMPORARILY STRANDED AS THE TIDE OF PROSPERITY

HAS MOVED ELSEWHERE.

IN ENCOURAGING THEM TO ADAPT TO NEW
OPPORTUNITIES WE MUST PERSEVERE.

WE HAVE TO RETRAIN THOSE WHO NEED NEW
JOBS.

AND ABOVE ALL WE MUST TRAIN OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE.

THE YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME IS AN EXCELLENT
ONE:

I HAVE SEEN IT AT WORK IN GLASGOW, CHESTER,
WREXHAM, SURREY AND CORNWALL.

YOUNG PEOPLE, HARD ^{or} WORK - EVERYTHING AN
EMPLOYER COULD WISH.

IT IS ABSURD THAT IN THE MIDST OF UNEMPLOYMENT THERE

IS A SHORTAGE OF SKILLED PEOPLE FOR SOME
JOBS.

~~AND WE MUST LOOK AT MOBILITY OF LABOUR.~~

IT'S NO USE HAVING UNEMPLOYED BRICKLAYERS
AND ELECTRICIANS IN ONE PLACE AND BEING
UNABLE TO GET THEM IN ANOTHER.

AND INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COULD FOLLOW

BASIL FELDMAN'S EXAMPLE AND THAT OF FIRMS
LIKE MARKS AND SPENCERS AND CARRY OUT THE
RIGOROUS EXAMINATION OF EVERYTHING THEY
BUY TO SEE IF IT COULD BE "BETTER MADE IN
BRITAIN".

~~WE SHALL ONLY CRACK THE PROBLEM IF EVERY
EMPLOYER AND ENTREPRENEUR AND TRADE UNION
MEMBER DOES HIS BIT TO HELP.~~

Friedl Power

BUT WE MUST ALSO HAVE FAITH IN OUR INVENTORS AND
INVESTORS, OUR COMPANIES AND SALESMEN,
AND OUR EXPANDING SMALL BUSINESSES.

IF WE PERSEVERE IN CREATING MORE FREEDOM FOR
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, IMPROVEMENT WILL CONTINUE
MORE RAPIDLY.

THE ALTERNATIVE IS A STUNTED AND SHRUNKEN
FUTURE IMPOSED BY A HANDFUL OF SHORTSIGHTED
POLITICIANS WHO PRETEND TO KNOW HOW TO
INVEST YOUR MONEY.

THEY ARE USUALLY LOOKING BACKWARDS TOWARDS
KARL MARX OR AT LEAST SIDWAYS TO THE LESS
OLD FASHIONED TRADE UNION LEADERS WHO LIKE
CHANGE AND PROGRESS ABOUT AS MUCH AS THEY LIKE
SECRET BALLOTS.

THAT BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION, THE BATTLE FOR JOBS, THE

BATTLE TO KEEP DOWN BORROWING, THE BATTLE FOR

INCENTIVES AND DEREGULATION ^{of which need less} ~~ARE~~ UNREMITTING

~~AND CONTINUOUS.~~ ^{and continuous}

~~YOU CAN NO MORE LET UP ON THEM THAN YOU CAN~~

~~HAVE A SABBATICAL FROM GARDENING.~~

PRESENT AND FUTURE TASKS

~~BUT WE WANT TO LOOK FORWARD NOT BACK.~~

THERE IS STILL MUCH TO DO.

DESPITE FIRMNESS IN SPENDING, WE'VE BEEN FAIR TOO.

DURING THE RECESSION AND IN THE YEARS
SINCE WE HAVE DONE BETTER THAN OTHER COUNTRIES
IN PROTECTING AND IMPROVING WELFARE PROGRAMMES.

[LOOK AT SPEECH 2 YEARS AGO AND TREASURY BRIEF - GERMANY
AND FRANCE DELAYED INCREASES IN PENSIONS.
FRANCE INTRODUCED HOSPITAL CHARGES, ETC]

The President I have said that

THE HEALTH SERVICE ^{was} ~~HAS BEEN~~ SAFE WITH US AND WILL BE

TOO.

On 11/11/68

ITS A SOURCE OF PRIDE THAT THEY'RE TREATING MORE PATIENTS THAN EVER.

AND THAT WE GAVE THE NURSES A PAY REVIEW

BODY AND HONOURED ITS REVIEW OFFERING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES OF SALARY.

WE HAVE HONOURED ALL COMMITMENTS ON BASIC PENSIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

THE NEXT INCREASE DUE WILL BE 7% IN NOVEMBER.

A BASIC STATE RETIREMENT PENSION WHOSE VALUE IS FIRMLY GUARANTEED - JUST AS IN THESE PAST SIX YEARS WE HAVE MORE THAN PROTECTED THE PENSIONER AGAINST RISING PRICES.

Unemployment

So the // ratio

USA =

Labour Budget

AS NORMAN FOWLER HAS TOLD YOU, THE CONCLUSIONS FROM THE
SOCIAL SECURITY REVIEW WILL BE PUBLISHED AS
A WHITE PAPER SHORTLY.

WE WANT TO ENSURE THE MONEY IS THERE TO
HONOUR OUR PROMISES AND TO STRENGTHEN THE
INCENTIVES TO SELF-RELIANCE.

WE MUST BE FAIR BETWEEN THE WORKING PEOPLE
WHO PROVIDE THE MONEY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
AND THOSE BENEFIT FROM IT.

AND FAIR BETWEEN DIFFERENT GENERATIONS OF
TAXPAYERS AND PENSIONERS.

WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT HIGHER TAX HITS THE
LOWEST PAID HARDEST.

FROM THE REVIEWS WE WISH TO SEE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE

BUILDING UP THEIR OWN OCCUPATIONAL OR PERSONAL
PENSIONS, SECURELY BASED ON THEIR OWN SAVINGS,
TO GIVE THEM EXTRA INCOME IN RETIREMENT.

AND AS THOSE PENSIONS GROW, FEWER AND FEWER PENSIONERS

WHO NEED TO FALL BACK ON MEANS-TESTED SUPPORT
FROM THE STATE TO HELP THEM OUT.

BETTER HELP FOR THE LESS WELL-OFF WORKING FAMILIES WITH

CHILDREN - AND WITH IT, AN END TO THE
INJUSTICE OF A SYSTEM WHICH LEAVES TOO MANY
BETTER-OFF NOT WORKING THAN WORKING AT ALL.

A SIMPLER, AND FAIRER STRUCTURE OF INCOME SUPPORT FOR
THOSE IN NEED, AND ONE WHICH MORE CLEARLY
RECOGNISES THE SPECIAL POSITION OF THOSE WHO ARE
ELDERLY OR DISABLED.

AND WITH THOS SIMPLER, CLEARER BENEFITS, A STREAMLINED
ADMINISTRATION USING MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO
GIVE BETTER JOBS FOR THE STAFF AND A BETTER
SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE MATTER OF LOCAL AUTHORITY RATES WILL TAKE RATHER
LONGER, ESPECIALLY AS WE CONSIDERING THE WHOLE
STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE.
IT'S SO COMPLICATED THAT ONLY A FEW TREASURERS
AND FEW FINANCE CHAIRMEN FULLY UNDERSTAND IT.

IT HAS BEEN BEDEVILLED BY THE FIRST LAW OF RATING,
EVERY ANOMALY REQUIRES A REMEDY EVEN IF IT
CREATES EVEN MORE ANOMALIES.

AND THE SECOND LAW IS THAT THERE'S PRECIOUS LITTLE
JUSTICE IN THE PRESENT RATING SYSTEM.

MY COLLEAGUES WILL PUT FORWARD THEIR PROPOSALS AT THE
TURN OF THE YEAR.

EDUCATION

THIS GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EDUCATION
OF OUR CHILDREN.

TODAY, MORE MONEY IS BEING SPENT PER PUPIL THAN EVER
BEFORE AND THERE ARE MORE TEACHERS PROPORTIONATE
TO PUPILS THAN EVER BEFORE.

AND YET THERE ARE STILL AS MANY IF NOT MORE PROBLEMS
THAN EVER BEFORE.

THE POSITION WITH TEACHERS CAUSES US GREAT ANXIETY.
THE BURDEN ON HEADS AND DEPUTY HEADS IS
ENORMOUS AND THE STRAINS ARE EVIDENT.

SO OFTEN THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFERENCES ABOUT
PRECISELY WHAT A TEACHER IS EXPECTED TO DO ABOUT,
FOR EXAMPLE, SCHOOL MEALS, SEEING PARENTS,
AND OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

SO IT IS SEEMS EMINENTLY SENSIBLE AND
REASONABLE TO SET THEM OUT AND AGREE THEM
WITH THE TEACHERS.

AND AS ABOVE ALL WE WANT TO RAISE STANDARDS
IN EDUCATION IT IS SURELY WISE TO INTRODUCE
A SYSTEM WHICH WILL PAY BETTER TEACHERS MORE.

ON THAT UNDERSTANDING, £1,250 MILLION OF YOUR MONEY
HAS BEEN PLEDGED IN PAY OVER AND ABOVE
THE ANNUAL INCREASES.

THAT WOULD MEAN PAY SCALES IN NOVEMBER

NEXT YEAR RUNNING FROM £7,500 FOR A NEW
GRADUATE TO MORE THAN £24,000 FOR THE HEAD
OF A BIG SECONDARY SCHOOL.

I NOTICE IN PASSING THAT THE LABOUR OPPOSITION REGARDS
£20,000 A YEAR AS THEIR DEFINITION OF THE RICH -
THERE TO BE SOAKED.

I DO NOT AGREE AND I DO NOT SUPPOSE
TEACHERS DO EITHER.

BUT I MOST EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THIS STRIKE WILL SOON
BE SETTLED.

FOR TEACHERS SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND
THIS IS A BAD ONE.

WHILE PARENTS IN MANY OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE WELL

CONTENT WITH THE EDUCATION THEIR CHILDREN
ARE RECEIVING, THE STORY FOR SOME, ESPECIALLY
IN THE INNER CITY AREAS, IS VERY DIFFERENT.
PARENTS ARE OFTEN WORRIED ABOUT POOR
EXAMINATION RESULTS; THE ABSENCE OF GOOD
DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOUR; THE TRAUMA WHICH
QUIET AND SENSITIVE CHILDREN SUFFER;
POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION IN OUR SCHOOLS;
AND THE ATTEMPTS BY SOME LOCAL EDUCATION
AUTHORITIES TO CONTROL CURRICULUM AND USE
IT FOR POLITICAL ENDS.

ADDED TO THAT, SOME TEACHERS HAVE TO DEAL WITH HIGHLY
AWKWARD AND DISRUPTIVE PUPILS MAKING THEIR
TASK DIFFICULT AND EXHAUSTING.

MOREOVER, WHEN THEY TAKE DISCIPLINARY
MEASURES THEY DO NOT ALWAYS RECEIVE THE
BACKING FROM THE LEA WHICH THEY DESERVE.

THERE IS HOPE.

SOME HEAD TEACHERS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS
ARE SPEAKING OUT - THOSE WHO BELIEVE SCHOOLS
ARE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING AND FOR SETTING
STANDARDS WHICH MAY LAST A LIFETIME.

SIR KEITH IS GIVING HIS EARNEST ATTENTION TO THIS
WORRYING STATE OF AFFAIRS.

LABOUR POLICIES AND THE ALLIANCE

MR. PRESIDENT, LAST WEEK AT BOURNEMOUTH, THE LABOUR

LEADER GAVE WHAT WE WERE TOLD WAS A CLARION
CALL TO MODERATION IN THE LABOUR PARTY.

IT WAS, ANNOUNCED LABOUR'S DEPUTY LEADER -
NOW THERE IS AN UNBIASED OBSERVER - A TURNING
POINT IN HISTORY.

"BY THEIR FRIENDS, YE SHALL KNOW THEM".

SO NEVER MIND THE PR, LET US LOOK AT THE POLICY.

LAST WEEK AT BOURNEMOUTH THE LABOUR PARTY VOTED:

- TO SCRAP OUR LAWS WHICH GAVE UNION MEMBERS
A VOICE IN THE RUNNING OF THEIR UNION AND
TO RESTORE TO THOSE BARONS OF THE BLOCK
VOTE, THE UNION LEADERS, THEIR FORMER

FEUDAL POWERS.

THEY VOTED TO GIVE THEM BACK THE POWER
TO CALL STRIKES WITHOUT A BALLOT.

- THEY VOTED TO GIVE UP THE BRITISH
INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR DETERRENT FOR NOTHING
IN RETURN.

- THEY VOTED TO TAKE POLITICAL CONTROL OVER
THE OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE.

- THEY VOTED TO INDEMNIFY COUNCILS AND
TRADE UNIONS WHO FREQUENTLY CHOSE TO
BREAK THE LAW FOR POLITICAL ENDS.

ANYTHING ELSE?

I HAVE HARDLY STARTED.

HERE ARE SOME LABOUR POLICIES FOR THE ELECTION

IN TWO TO THREE YEARS TIME.

- ~~CHOICE WILL GO~~
- ALL "INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WILL GO QUICKLY"
SAYS THE LABOUR LEADER
- THEY WILL RENATIONALISE AND FURTHER
NATIONALISE OUR INDUSTRY WITH SCANT
REGARD FOR THE NEWLY ACQUIRED SHARES OF
EMPLOYEES.
- THERE WILL BE NO AUTOMATIC RIGHT TO BUY
YOUR OWN COUNCIL HOUSE.
DECISIONS WOULD BE LEFT TO LABOUR COUNCILS
LIKE LIVERPOOL, HACKNEY AND CAMDEN.

- THEY WANT TO HIJACK AND DIRECT YOUR PENSION AND INSURANCE FUND MONEY.

THAT ONLY AFFECTS ABOUT 12 MILLION PEOPLE.

- INVESTMENT ^{WILL} / NOT BE FOR THE GREATEST BENEFIT OF THE PENSIONER BUT FOR THE GREATEST BENEFIT OF SOCIALISM.

- THEY WILL REPATRIATE CAPITAL FROM OVERSEAS - LEADING TO HEAVY LOSS OF OVERSEAS INCOME AND SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR BALANCE OF TRADE.

- THERE WILL BE THE USUAL MISH-MASH OF HIGHER TAXES AND HIGHER BORROWING.

"TO BORROW AND TO BORROW AND TO BORROW" IS NOT

MACBETH WITH A HEAVY COLD.

IT IS LABOUR PARTY POLICY.

BUT MOST PEOPLE ARE BASICALLY DECENT.

THEY DO NOT WANT TO MORTGAGE THE FUTURE AND

LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN TO PICK UP THE BILL.

SO IT WILL BE BACK.

BACK TO A HIGH TAX SOCIETY.

BACK TO THE DAYS OF INFLATION BY SOCIAL

CONTRACT, WHEN MONEY HALVED ITS VALUE EVERY

FOUR TO FIVE YEARS.

BACK TO RULE BY CONGRESS HOUSE WHEN THE LABOUR PARTY

WAS A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE UNIONS.

BACK, BACK, BACK WILL BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY UNDER
LABOUR.

AND IT WILL BE AN ORDER.

IN OPPOSITION THE LABOUR LEFT LIMPS ON THE RIGHT FOOT.

IN OFFICE IT WOULD BE LEFT FOOT FORWARD ALL
THE WAY.

IN FACT THEY ARE NOT EVEN WAITING FOR OFFICE.

THEY ARE ALREADY THERE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, LABOUR IS TWO DIFFERENT PARTIES IN A STATE
OF CIVIL WAR, WITH THE LEFT STEADILY GAINING
AS THE OLD STAGERS GRADUALLY RETIRE.,

IN THESE VERY ISLANDS ARE THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE

BRITAIN A CARBON COPY OF EASTERN EUROPE.

THERE IS A GREAT STRUGGLE BEING FOUGHT OUT IN

THIS COUNTRY - SOMETIMES ON THE SURFACE,

MORE OFTEN BELOW IT - BETWEEN COLLECTIVISM AND

LIBERTY.

THE OLD LABOUR PARTY STOOD STEADFAST FOR FREEDOM.

SO DO PARTS OF THE PRESENT ONE.

BUT THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE GRADUALLY TAKING

OVER POSITIONS OF POWER IN THE PARLIAMENTARY

LABOUR PARTY, IN THE UNIONS AND IN THE

CONSTITUENCIES.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE LABOUR PARTY IS

WHETHER IT REMAINS A DEMOCRATIC PARTY OR NOT.

THE ALLIANCE

[AND AS FOR THE SDP.

WE HEAR MUCH FROM THEM ABOUT PRINCIPLE.

BUT WHICH OF THEM WOULD HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR
PARTY IF IT HAD WON THE 1979 ELECTION.

THEY WOULD STILL BE ROUND THE CABINET
TABLE PROCLAIMING POLICIES THEY PURPORT
TO DESPISE.

WE ARE THE ONLY PARTY YOU CAN RELY ON:

- TO STAND UP FOR THE LAW
- TO STAND UP FOR ORDER
- TO STAND UP FOR DEMOCRACY.]

WHERE THE SO-CALLED ALLIANCE STAND, WHO CAN TELL.

DID WE SEE THEM REAFFIRM ONE-SIDED DISARMAMENT?

OR DID THIS YEAR THEY DECIDE TO KEEP A FEW
MISSILES?

OR IS IT ONLY THE ONES THAT ARE OUT OF DATE
THEY WOULD KEEP?

OR IS IT A CASE OF DEFENDING ALL OF THE PEOPLE
SOME OF THE TIME OR SOME OF THE PEOPLE ALL
OF THE TIME?

IT IS ALL VERY CONFUSING.

LIKE THEIR ATTEMPT TO DECIDE WHO CONTESTS
WHICH CONSTITUENCY.

I GATHER THE TWO DAVIDS-HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET TO
THE BOTTOM OF IT IN SECRET SESSION.

THEIR CLOSING WORDS WENT LIKE THIS:

"WHEN SHALL WE TWO MEET AGAIN.

AT PLYMOUTH HOE OR SCOTTISH PLAIN?

WHEN THE ARGY-BARGY'S THROUGH

WHEN WE HAVE SAID WHO FIGHTS WHO.

THAT CAN TAKE A YEAR OR TWO.

WHERE THE PLACE?

UPON THE HEATH.

THERE TO MEET WITH ALAN BEITH

I COME, THIRD DAVID!

PENHALIGON CALLS!

ANON!

INCIDENTALLY, THIRD DAVID - THAT IS THE LIBERAL'S
ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN, MR. PENHALIGON - IS
A REMARKABLY PERCIPIENT FELLOW.

LAST MONTH ON RADIO CORNWALL HE SAID:

"THE MOST LIKELY OUTCOME OF THE
NEXT ELECTION IS, I HAVE TO ADMIT,
THAT MRS THATCHER GETS RE-ELECTED."

A DANIEL COME TO JUDGEMENT!

YEA, A DANIEL!

O, WISE AND UP-RIGHT JUDGE, HOW I DO

HONOUR THEE.

THERE OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE BEEN MEASURED
AGAINST THE GRAVITY OF THE TASK OF
GOVERNMENT AND FOUND WANTING.