

MRS. RYDER

Conservative Women's Conference 1986

1. You ought to know that Emma Nicholson proposed to the Prime Minister that instead of doing a set speech at the Conference she should attend the lunch and speak informally (as at the local government conference). The Prime Minister suggested doing both!
2. I have not done a note to the Prime Minister on this because Margaret Palmer tells me she cannot yet give me a date for the conference although she did say that they may now be looking at a date in June. If this were the case we would no longer have the precise problem we were seeking to avoid of three speeches in one week of May but you may have problems with Economic Summits etc. instead.
3. Nevertheless I am anxious to get the Prime Minister if possible to move towards an informal speech and break the pattern.
4. This may have a bearing on what you agree with Margaret Palmer when she comes back to you with new dates.
5. When that happens can you and I speak before you put a note to the Prime Minister because that may be the time to put the whole question to her.

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

11.3.85

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Mr. Sheehane

what now
my friend.

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MR. SHERBOURNE

Mrs Ryve

I think we had better
have a word about this
now! G.S.

I attach a copy of my minute to the Prime Minister regarding various speeches in May 1986.

Mrs. Thatcher has not answered my question on the CBI Annual Dinner which I will put to her again. But perhaps you had better keep an eye on the Women's Conference. It appears that she insists on doing it.

CP.

4 February, 1985.

PRIME MINISTER

c. Mr. Butler
Mr. Sherbourne

MAY 1986

1. You are committed to addressing the Annual Dinner of the CBI in May.

2. It appears that the Scottish Conference is going to be on Friday or Saturday 16/17 May.

3. The Women's Conference is either going to be on 17 May or 23 May.

4. The CBI have offered us three dates - Tuesday 13, Tuesday 20 or Thursday 22 May.

Content to:

1. Address the Scottish Conference on 16/17 May?
2. Address the CBI Annual Dinner on Thursday 22 May?
3. Give the Women's Conference a miss for one year?

- consult with Rhona Nicholson. Not possible -

CR . not

1 February 1985