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Prime Ministers meeting with 1922 Executive

11 Peter Horden Conduct of E.C. Campaign unfortunate. It was negative, especially to the young. "A diet of Brussels". They consider a visit like going to Hampshire. During Medved a great contrast; we seized the initiative. Better if we could have said those things before election. We must never again fight an election on a negative basis.

Terence Higgins. So difficult to hit the right balance. Outcome of Medved best in circumstances. How to balance a positive approach without going down a slippery slope. Possible to have some monetary without economic union. Could never give up tax raising powers. Fairly clear we must say at some stage we are not going further. Difficult to reconcile all that into a positive approach.

11 Bob Dunn Longer now than 1949 by train Dartford to London. Roads programme in SE will just get people whizzing round London. Why not utilize Thames more. Monorail on Thames. Transport of major importance. Am receiving no help from Govt. on HS rail link.

Andrew Grant Excessive leg. Problem not running out of steam but boiling over. Ministers bogged down with detail. Public not able to digest all this. Gap between Ministers and rest. Amazing what a long recess can do but watch back benches. More time needed for Ministers to explain.

John Hannam Severe loss of popularity. We are catching up with electorate's perception of political priorities. Ministers so overloaded they were unable to present case. Hard to pick present leg. programme which

is winning support. Next year we must regain initiative

Giles Shaw NHS. BMA having leadership overturned.

Members will continue to irritate. This will continue to involve a lot of our constituents.

NHS white paper - proceed slowly. Concentrate on proving the changes as we go along. A very dominant issue for the election.

Michael Latham NHS a disaster area. We must make a tactical retreat on this issue. Same on Enterprise allowance scheme. 3rd year colleagues to support a bill causing endless trouble in the Constituencies. Continue in present way - grave problem.

George Gardner Community charge. Decide on adjustments now. Support of C.C. BUP: I cannot support live on paper about safety nets. Rhodes Boyson has drawn up list of Tory marginals. Tony Farch e.g. Safety net £1bn to £1.5 billion

Elizabeth Peacock implications of charge on low rated areas. They affect many of our own supporters with rateable value less than £100.

Marcus Fox community charge. Implications could be horrendous. We are not reducing the charge for low paid by spreading load. If Chancellor were to take 2p off income tax an insult to low paid of the country. We should have debate about what should be a local charge & what should be a national charge. Only way of making C.C. bearable is to take education off

Local Government expenditure.

Prime Minister E.C. campaign. Manifesto execution.
Morning reported in press conferences. That is a
feature of political scene now. Agree "a diet of
Brussels" a bad advert. Manifesto got little publicity.
Marchions visit in Bilston. Unions helped the
Labour party with postal votes. Election was
disappointing. Agree with Terence there are some
things in E.C. we must just fight off. Some
things totally unacceptable & no business of E.C.
We got 2nd banking directive right in Bruges
speech. No difficulty in knocking out social
charter. I pointed out our record. Afterward
they oh came to me and said our special
circumstances must be taken into account.
Some still don't like being dominated like
Germany. Wheels within wheels. Small
ones. Compulsory Bullock. If you read whole
speech we will have to stop "Clerer" ideas,
for advertisements. Simple ones best.

On Transport. Remember London ringway.
Great problems on transport.

Overloaded programme. Next year
Health Service, Law, Pollution, broadcasting. Top
up students.

Health Service. BMA initially
accepted the White paper. We can't take a
full page advert for exactly what the Drs
contract is. Self governing hospitals will be
evolutionary because of the numbers applying.
I want to get other peers in Lords to support
Lord Trafford. Some doctors do not consider they
have any duty to get value for money.

We must however try to put positive things at present. Glad when we get this over. Poll last week 80% of people who think there should be change.

Community charge One of great problems now. Safety nets. Of course works both ways, & neither can compare with what revaluation of rates would lead to. On taxation. I don't think we could take education away from local authorities. Everyone gets - £3 reduction in NI ~~benefit~~ from Autumn.

We are having a look at Community charge.

Last year we had a very generous RSG Settlement. Local Authorities merely put up the extra they spend. Yorkshire, Lancashire, Pendle, (and Le) is worst. What it means is that people demanded more local expenditure in knowledge but they didn't have to pay. In South small business will have to pay a higher business rate.

We have been looking at particular Constituencies.

Crawley District C.C. could go wrong at party conference.

Ivan Lawrence Plea for a completely new look at presentation. If David Young had not said "Mind to support" our present position could not be described as a climbdown. Same with NHS. MPs must be in Cons. to put Bk case at weekends. Central Machine must get a grip of its advertising.

Charles Morrison

Community change so important. Water
electricity, community change + NHS. People
worried. Necessary to go slower. Outcome
of Drs in 1945 is that Labour for Electric
Kenneth must stop acting as a prosecuting
lawyer.

Anthony Burch. You are good about being
in House. Once a week ministers
should be in House.

K. Lenna Boyd
Thanks Note.

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