

PRIME MINISTER

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LORD SHINWELL

Mrs Netta Shinwell, Lord Shinwell's daughter-in-law, telephoned me this afternoon to say that Lord Shinwell's Memorial Service had tentatively been fixed for 1130 a.m. on Thursday 19 June in the Grand Committee ^{Room} of the House of Commons. Its organisers realise now that this was an ill-chosen time for Government Ministers because this would conflict with the regular Thursday morning Cabinet meeting. Mrs Shinwell suggested that the timing might be altered until say later in the morning. She clearly would like you, and as many other members of the Government as possible, to attend to honour the memorial of her father-in-law.

If you wish to attend, (and I think you might), I could suggest to Mrs Shinwell that the Memorial Service began at 1200. We could re-time Cabinet for 10 a.m. which ought to give easily enough time for the normal discussion.

Yes please

Would you like to attend? Shall I ask Mrs Shinwell whether the service can begin at noon?

Yes - Yes please

not

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N.L. Wicks

21 May 1986

1. R. Fisher

2. R. Addison

*I agreed these
arrangements with Mrs Shinwell.
It will be announced thru' the
Whip, and Mrs Shinwell will write.*

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*N.L.W.
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TRIBUTES TO LORD SHINWELL, THURSDAY 19 JUNE, GRAND COMMITTEE
ROOM

1. This is NOT a Memorial Service. It has no religious significance whatsoever and will comprise of various readings and tributes.
2. It will be chaired by Greville Janner. You are not expected to do or say anything.
3. You will be placed in the front row with the Shinwell family.
4. Nobody is expected to wear black or a hat. But maybe you would be more comfortable in black anyway.
5. There is going to be a photocall outside the St. Stephen's entrance after the tributes and Greville Janner believes that the Shinwell family will ask you to join them.

Caroline Ryder

18 June 1986