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LEADER'S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

124TH MEETING

5.00 p.m. Wednesday, 14th July 1976, in the
Leader's Room at the House of Commons.

AGENDA

Fin.

1. Minutes of the 122nd Meeting.
2. Future Business.
3. Forthcoming Events.
4. Any Other Business.

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Minutes of the 124th Meeting held at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 14th July, 1976, in the Leader's Room at the House of Commons.

Present: Mrs. Thatcher (In the Chair)

Mr. Whitelaw, Sir Keith Joseph,
Lord Hailsham, Mr. Maudling,
Mr. Pym, Mr. Jenkin, Mr. Payton,
Mr. St. John Stevas, Mr. Heseltine,
Mr. Raison, Mr. Maude,
Mr. Buchanan Smith, Mr. Edwards,
Mr. Neave, Mrs. Oppenheim,
Mr. Biffen, Lord Thorncroft,

Mr. Atkins.

In Attendance: Mr. Butler, Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Patten, Mr. Nicholson

Apologies: Lord Carrington, Mr. Gilmour,
Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Prior.

1. Proposed Business for the Week 19th July - 26th July

On Monday 19th July there would be completion of the Remaining Stages of the Finance Bill (Mr. Nott and Mr. Howell). This would be followed by a Motion on the EEC Commission Document on the 1977 Preliminary Draft Budget (Mr. Shaw and Mr. Howell), the Motions of Financial Assistance to Kearney and Trecker Marwin Limited (Mr. King) and the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations (Mr. Jopling).

On Tuesday 20th July Mr. Robin Cook would seek leave to introduce his Youth Employment Resources Bill under the 10 Minute Rule. This would be followed by Progress on the Remaining Stages of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill (Mr. Heseltine and team).

On Wednesday 21st July Mr. Greville Janner would seek leave to introduce his Sex Discrimination (Paternity Leave) Bill under the 10 Minute Rule. This would be followed by the Remaining Stages of the Education Bill (Mr. St. John Stevas and team).

On Thursday 22nd July there would be the Remaining Stages of the Rent (Agriculture) Bill (Mr. Pym, Mr. Rossi, Mr. Jopling).

On Friday 23rd July there would be the Remaining Stages of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions and Salaries Bill (Mr. Clarke) and the Motion on the Junior Ministers and Other Salaries Order. This would be followed by Motions on Northern Ireland Orders on Financial Provisions (Appropriation No. 2), Pharmacy, Poisons, and the Department of the Civil Service (Mr. Neave and Mr. Biggs-Davison).

On Monday 26th July there would be progress on the Remaining Stages of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill (Mr. Heseltine and team).

2. Foreign Affairs

Mr. Maudling reported regarding the situation in Uganda.
It was agreed that:

- i) We would not press the Government to make public statements which might jeopardise the position of British subjects remaining in Uganda.
- ii) We should check whether the EEC was giving aid to Uganda.

3. Other Business

There was a general discussion about the Government's delayed legislative programme, their possible courses of action, and the possible timing of their statement on spending cuts.
It was agreed that:

- i) We should continue to resist progress on all Government business.
- ii) We would not pair in the first week of August (assuming the Government did not introduce guillotines)
- iii) In view of the pressure from local councillors on our MP's to oppose or criticise cuts in local government spending, we should seek to ensure that our MP's gave general support to the principle of spending cuts.

The Meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.