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NEW PARTY CHAIRMAN

The Prime Minister has today appointed Mr. John Selwyn Gummer M.P. as Chairman of the Conservative Party Organisation.

He succeeds the Rt. Hon. Cecil Parkinson, M.P. who will concentrate on his duties as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Mr. Parkinson gives up his Chairmanship almost exactly two years after his appointment on September 13th 1981.

The Prime Minister is very grateful to him for his stewardship during this time and for the brilliant way in which he conducted the General Election campaign.

Mr. Michael Spicer, M.P. will continue as Deputy Chairman and will have overall executive authority under the Chairman. He will, in particular, be pressing ahead with the modernisation of the Party Organisation and the extension of the new computer techniques which he initiated in the period before the General Election campaign.

Mr. David Hunt, M.P. is appointed Vice Chairman responsible for Candidates.

At the same time Mrs. Thatcher is announcing changes in the Scottish Conservative Party.

Sir James Goold, Hon. Treasurer of the Party has been appointed Chairman in Scotland in succession to Mr. Michael Ancram, M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Scotland. Mr. Ian Lang, M.P. becomes Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Gummer will continue as Under-Secretary at the Department of Employment and Mr. Hunt and Mr. Lang will remain Lord Commissioners of the Treasury.



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Biography: John Selwyn GUMMER MP (Suffolk Coastal)

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Employment and  
Chairman of the Conservative Party

John Selwyn Gummer was born in 1939. He was educated at King's School, Rochester (minor scholar) and Selwyn College, Cambridge (exhibitioner in English). He has an honours degree in history. He was President of the Cambridge Union.

He is a former chairman and director of three publishing companies.

He is married with three children.

He joined Gravesend Young Conservatives in 1956. He was chairman of the Cambridge University Conservative Association and became chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students in 1961. During this period he took delegations to Berlin and Goslar and made agreements for the entry of the FUCUA into the International Conservative and Christian Democrat Students Federation. He also became chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Young Conservative National Advisory Committee. He was a co-opted member of the Inner London Education Authority from 1967-70. He won the Conservative National Speaking Competition in 1962-63.

Mr Gummer contested Greenwich in the 1964 and 1966 General Elections. He was adopted as prospective Conservative candidate for Lewisham West in 1967 and won the seat in the General Election of 1970.

In 1971 he was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Rt Hon James Prior.

In 1972 he was appointed a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party with responsibility for special assignments for the Party Chairman.

He was unsuccessful in retaining Lewisham West in the February 1974 General Election following boundary redistribution.

In 1979 Mr Gummer was elected as a Member of the General Synod of the Church of England for the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich diocese.

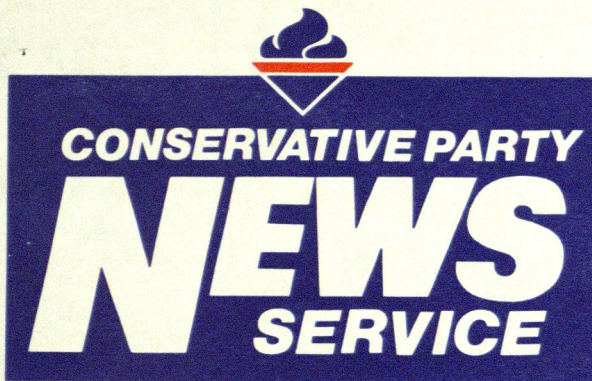
He has travelled widely in Europe and Africa and speaks fluent French. He has a specialised knowledge of European affairs, developing nations, education and management training.

He is author of "When the Coloured People Come", "The Permissive Society" and "The Christian Calendar".

He was elected Member of Parliament for Eye at the General Election of May 1979. Following that election he was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr Patrick Jenkin MP) a post he held until January 1981. In January 1981 he was appointed an Assistant Government Whip. In October 1981 Mr Gummer was appointed a Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury. In January 1983 he was appointed an Under Secretary of State, Department of Employment.

He contested the new seat of Suffolk Coastal following redistribution in June 1983.

In September 1983, he was appointed Chairman of the Conservative Party.



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Biography: Michael SPICER MP (South Worcestershire)

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Michael Spicer was born in 1943. He was educated at Sacre Coeur, Vienna; Gaunt's House Preparatory School; Wellington College, and Emmanuel College, Cambridge (MA Economics).

He is married and has three children.

Mr Spicer has been the Member of Parliament for South Worcestershire since the General Election of February 1974. He contested Easington in the 1966 and 1970 General Elections.

From 1970 to 1980 he was Managing Director of Economic Models Limited. Previously he was Assistant to the Editor of "The Statist" and later wrote for the Sunday Times Business News and the Daily Mail. In 1966 he joined the Conservative Research Department and in June 1968 he became Director of the Conservative Systems Research Centre (which was involved particularly in planning Conservative taxation policy and public expenditure cuts for the 1970 General Election).

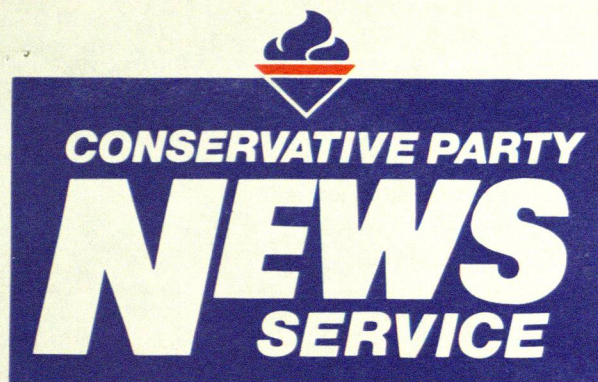
In the Parliament 1974 to 1979, Mr Spicer was Vice-Chairman of the Computer Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons Services, and a Conservative Spokesman on the computer industry. He was Secretary of the Conservative Horticulture Committee and a member of the Conservative Policy Group on Rates and Water.

Mr Spicer has travelled in the USA, Japan and in East and West Europe.

He has a specialised knowledge of economics.

Following the General Election of May 1979, Mr Spicer was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministers for Trade and Consumer Affairs. In September 1981 he was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the chairman of the Conservative Party (Mr Cecil Parkinson MP), and in December 1981 he was appointed a Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party. Following the General Election of June 1983 he was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party.

Mr Spicer published a political thriller, "Final Act", in the Summer of 1981. He plays for the Houses of Parliament tennis team and he is a joint organiser of the Houses of Parliament Art Exhibition.



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Biography: David HUNT MBE MP (Wirral West)  
Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury

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David (James Fletcher) Hunt was born in 1942. He was educated at Liverpool College; Montpellier University, France; Bristol University (LL.B); and the Guildford College of Law. He is married with four children. He was awarded the MBE for services to youth in 1973 and comes from a Liverpool shipping family.

He is a partner in a firm of solicitors and a Parliamentary adviser to the Law Society. He was a member of the South West Economic Planning Committee 1972-76. He is a member of the Lords and Commons Committee on Consolidation Bills.

He was winner of the "Observer Mace", the British Universities Debating Championship, 1965-66 and in 1967 was selected to represent British universities in an International Debating Tour speaking at over 50 universities in the USA. He organised the first Transatlantic Telephone Debate representing British Universities against United States universities in 1968.

Mr Hunt was chairman of Bristol University Conservative Association from 1964 to 1965 raising membership from a previous record of 156 to 532. He was National Vice-Chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students form 1965 to 1966, and of the Young Conservatives 1967-69. A former Chairman of Western Area Young Conservatives he was National YC Chairman from 1972-73.

He is Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Group for Europe and Chairman of the British Atlantic Group of Young Organisations. He was as Founder Governor of the European Youth Foundation at Strasbourg. He was Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Youth Lobby 1978-79. He was Chairman of the Conservative Shipping Committee 1977-79.

David Hunt contested Bristol South in the June 1970 General Election reducing the Labour majority to its lowest ever. He narrowly lost Kingswood in the October 1974 General Election. He was then elected Member of Parliament for Wirral in a by-election in March 1976 following the retirement of the Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, and re-elected in May 1979 with one of the largest Conservative votes ever recorded. He contested the new seat of Wirral West following redistribution in June 1983.

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Following the General Election in May 1979, Mr Hunt was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Trade (Rt Hon John Nott MP). In January 1981 he became Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Defence (Rt Hon John Nott MP). In October 1981 David Hunt joined the Government as an Assistant Whip. He became a Lords Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury in March 1983.

In September, 1983, he was appointed Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party with special responsibility for candidates.



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Biography: Sir James GOOLD, CA, FCIQB SEPTEMBER 1983  
Chairman of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association

Sir James (Duncan) Goold is 49. He is married with two sons and one daughter. He was educated at Glasgow Academy and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1958. He then did three years post qualifying experience in Australia and New Zealand with Messrs Price, Waterhouse & Co.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Builders.

Sir James joined Mactaggart & Michel Ltd. as Company Secretary in 1961 and has been a Director since 1966. He is a director of Mickel Products Ltd., of Gibson & Goold Ltd. and of Neil C. Carmichael Ltd.

In 1971 he was President of the Scottish Building Contractors' Association. He was President of the Scottish National Federation of Building Trades' Employers 1977/8 and Hon. Treasurer of the Scottish Building Employers' Federation 1979/81.

Sir James was Chairman of the CBI in Scotland 1981-83.

He was Chairman of East Renfrewshire Conservative Association 1974-77 and is Hon. President of Eastwood Conservative Association.

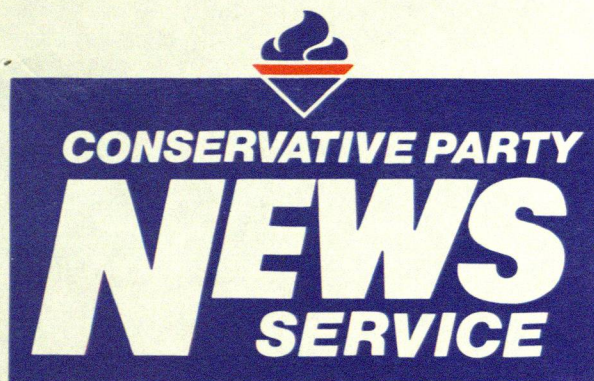
He has been Hon. Treasurer of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association from 1980-83 and is Chairman of the Conservative Board of Finance, Scotland.

He was appointed Chairman of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association in September 1983.

Sir James is a school and college governor.

He is a member of the Council of the Scottish Epilepsy Association and a committee member of Tenovus, Scotland.

Sir James was knighted in the 1983 Birthday Honours.



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Ian (Bruce) Lang was born in 1940. He was educated at Lathallan School, Montrose, Rugby School and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (BA Hons History).

He is married and has two daughters.

Mr Lang joined the Young Conservatives in 1964 and was an active constituency member for some years. He was personal assistant to the Party Chairman in the election of October 1974.

Mr Lang contested Central Ayrshire in the 1970 general election and Glasgow Pollok in the February 1974 general election.

He is a Trustee of the West of Scotland Trustee Savings Bank, and an officer of the Order of St John.

He was co-author of the Conservative Political Centre publication "The Scottish Conservatives - a Past and a Future" (May 1975).

Mr Lang is specially interested in savings, taxation, constitutional matters and the problems of rural areas.

He was elected Member of Parliament for Galloway at the general election of May 1979 and for the new seat of Galloway and Upper Nithsdale following redistribution in June 1983.

In July 1979 he was elected Honorary Secretary of the Conservative Parliamentary Food Sub-Committee. He was also joint honorary secretary of the Conservative Parliamentary Constitutional Committee and a member of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Scottish Affairs.

In October 1981 he was appointed an Assistant Government Whip and, following the general election of June 1983 he was appointed a Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury.

In September 1983 he was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.





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8th July, 1983

Dear Stephen,

I enclose the list of Directors, Deputies and Assistant Directors at Central which I hope is helpful.

Mr Spicer has left for his Constituency so has not seen the complete list, if he has any amendments or additions he will let you know early next week.

Yours  
Annie

Annie Page

Stephen Sherbourne, Esq.,

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