

MESSAGE TO MRS. ANNA McCURLEY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER.

I was delighted to hear that you had been selected to fight as our Conservative and Unionist candidate in the Glasgow Central by-election.

The Government recognises that the West of Scotland needs special attention if it is to be restored to economic health. That is why we will site one of the new Enterprise Zones in the Clydeside Area. Within Glasgow itself, we support the G.E.A.R. project, upon which so much depends for the regeneration of the Inner City.

We promised to give every council tenant the right to buy, improve and succeed to the tenancy of his or her own house or flat. Our Bill to implement this has already been approved by the House of Commons.

We promised to give new powers to the Police to help them protect our lives and property. The Criminal Justice Bill will soon become law.

We promised to reform trade union law. Our Bill to ban secondary picketing, to encourage secret ballots and to remove the worst abuses of the Closed Shop has already been approved by the House of Commons.

We promised cuts in income tax. Our first Budget made the largest ever income tax reductions at all levels.

We promised to curb public spending. We have done this, and we have shown that we understand that the Government has no money of its own, but only what it raises in rates and taxes. There is nothing moral or prudent in a policy which involves the Government spending money which it has not got.

We expect that the rate of inflation will start to fall in the coming few months. We must remain resolute and have the courage to see the job through.

I send you my very best wishes for next Thursday.

21st June, 1980.