

## DIARY

### WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY

12.30 p.m. Conference Lunch, Station Hotel, Perth  
2.30 p.m. First Session of Conference  
8.00 p.m. Annual CPC Lecture in Station Hotel

#### *Other Engagements*

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### THURSDAY, 9th MAY

9.30 a.m. Second Session of Conference  
2.30 p.m. Third Session of Conference  
8.30 p.m. Civic Reception in City Hall, Perth

#### *Other Engagements*

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### FRIDAY, 10th MAY

9.30 a.m. Fourth Session of Conference  
2.30 p.m. Fifth Session of Conference  
7.00 p.m. Rally to be addressed by  
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP  
in City Hall, Perth.  
9.30 p.m./1.30 a.m. Conference Dance in Station Hotel

#### *Other Engagements*

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## Agenda for the Conference

WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY

2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

### FIRST SESSION

#### 1. FORMAL BUSINESS

- a. Address of welcome from the Chairman of the Perth and Kinross District Council.
- b. Adoption of the Annual Report (see page 73).
- c. Election of Office Bearers
  - i The President of the Association
  - ii Two Vice-Presidents
  - iii Honorary Treasurer
  - iv Two Honorary Secretaries
  - v Honorary Auditor
- d. President's Address.

#### 2. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY (Motion No. 129)

Mr W. P. Rodgers, on behalf of Maryhill Conservative Association, to move:

"This Conference reaffirms its support of the National Health Service and congratulates the Government on increasing the amount of money made available to the service. It further believes that the advancement of private medicine should not be at the expense of the N.H.S. and that the present service should be further improved by the continuation of the policy of prudent cuts in unnecessarily high staffing levels."

Reply — Mr John J. MacKay, BSc, Dip Ed, MP, Minister for Health and Social Work at the Scottish Office.

#### 3. ADDRESS

by the Rt. Hon. George Younger, TD, DL, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland.

#### 4. EMPLOYMENT (Motion No. 57)

Mr. T. O'Connell, on behalf of Strathkelvin and Bearsden Conservative Association, to move:

"That this Conference, recognising that there are no easy solutions to unemployment, believes that sustained economic growth and the creation of new jobs depend upon continuing low inflation, moderation in pay settlements, encouragement of competition and improved education and training. The Conference also urges the Government to make every effort to stimulate job opportunities for young people."

Reply — The Rt. Hon. Tom King, MP, Secretary of State for Employment.

#### 5. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

By the Rt. Hon. Lord Home of the Hirsell, KT, Honorary President of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association.



## SECOND SESSION

## 6. GOVERNMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PARTY ORGANISATION (Motion No. 107)

**Cllr. A. A. Jackson**, on behalf of North East Fife Conservative Association, to move:

"This Conference regrets that communication between Her Majesty's Government, the Party and the electorate is not satisfactory and urges the Government and all sections of the Party to establish more effective ways of communicating policy."

Reply — **Mr Ian Lang, MP, Vice Chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party.**

## 7. EDUCATION (Motion No. 40)

**Mr. Arthur J. A. Bell**, on behalf of Clydesdale Conservative Association, to move:

"This Conference urges Her Majesty's Government to review urgently the education system in Scotland in the light of the discontent among parents, pupils and teachers."

Reply — **Mr. J. Allan Stewart, MA, MP, Minister for Industry and Education at the Scottish Office.**

## 8. ADDRESS

by **Sir James D. Goold, CA, FCIQB, Chairman of the Party in Scotland.**

## 9. DEFENCE (Motion No. 11)

**Mrs. Margaret Walker**, on behalf of the West of Scotland Conservative Women's Area Committee, to move:

"This Conference congratulates the Government on its constant efforts to maintain the peace which we have enjoyed for 40 years and calls on Conservatives to stress at all times that peace is the wish of our Party and all our members no less than members of other organisations."

Reply — **The Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine, MP, Secretary of State for Defence.**

## THIRD SESSION

## 10. RATING REFORM (Motion No. 194)

**Mr. David McLetchie**, on behalf of Edinburgh Central Conservative Association, to move:

"This Conference, considering that the credibility of Her Majesty's Government is seriously damaged by the failure to replace rates with a fairer system of Local Government financing, demands that immediate action be taken to fulfil the Conservative Party's commitment to introduce a more equitable system."

Reply — **The Rt. Hon. George Younger, TD, DL, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland.**

## 11. HOME AFFAIRS (Motion No. 148)

**Mr. J. Ross Harper**, on behalf of the Society of Scottish Conservative Lawyers, to move:

"That this Conference urges Her Majesty's Government to step up its campaign to eradicate the evil of drug trafficking by increasing the penalties which the Courts may impose by abolishing maximum sentences and allowing the Courts to impose life imprisonment and/or the total confiscation of all assets owned by convicted drug dealers. It also urges the Government to continue to investigate methods of assisting and curing drug addicts and educating parents and schoolchildren about the evils and horrors brought about by the taking of drugs."

Reply — **Mr. Peter Fraser, QC, MP, Solicitor General for Scotland.**

## 12. OVERSEAS AFFAIRS (Motion No. 181)

**Mr. Jackson Carlaw**, on behalf of Scottish Young Conservatives, to move:

"This Conference supports Her Majesty's Foreign Secretary and Ministers in their positive approach to world affairs and urges the continuance of initiatives to reduce international tension."

Reply — **The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.**



## FOURTH SESSION

## 13. HOME AFFAIRS (Motion No. 145)

**Mr. John Godfrey**, on behalf of Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber Conservative Association, to move:

"This Conference, concerned at the increasing demands of the BBC for increased funding through licences, asks Her Majesty's Government to give priority consideration to the whole field of public broadcasting funding and standards."

Reply — **The Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan, QC, MP, Secretary of State for the Home Department.**

## 14. ECONOMIC POLICY AND TAXATION (Motion No. 39)

**Mr. William A. Harvey**, on behalf of the City of Glasgow Conservative Association, to move:

"This Conference congratulates the Government on its continuing success in restoring competitiveness in our industry and calls on it to maintain the progress already made by further reducing personal and corporate taxation."

Reply — **The Rt. Hon. Nigel Lawson, MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer.**

## 15. TOP OF THE LIST — THE SCOTTISH TEAM

**The Rt. Hon. George Younger, TD, DL, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Scottish colleagues:**

**Mr. J. Allan Stewart, MA, MP**

(Minister of Industry and Education)

**Mr. John J. MacKay, BSc, Dip Ed, MP**

(Minister of Health and Social Work)

**Mr. Michael Ancram, MA, LLB, MP**

(Minister of Home Affairs and the Environment)

**Mr. Peter Fraser, QC, MP**

(Solicitor General for Scotland)

form a panel to answer questions and comments on Scottish matters.

## FIFTH SESSION

## 16. ENVIRONMENT (Motion No. 71)

**Cllr. Alistair Mackenzie**, on behalf of SCUA Local Government Advisory Committee, to move:

"That this Conference, while welcoming Her Majesty's Government's success of the Right to Buy policy, calls for further initiatives to break down the dominance of the public sector in housing in Scotland and to promote measures which will increase variety and choice."

Reply — **Mr. Michael Ancram, MA, LLB, MP, Minister for Home Affairs and the Environment at the Scottish Office.**

## 17. FOOD AND FARMING (Motion No. 97)

**Mr. P. Ross Leckie**, on behalf of Gordon Conservative Association, to move:

"This Conference congratulates the Government on tackling the problems of surpluses within the EEC but urges the Government to safeguard the vital interests of Scottish Agriculture within the constraints of the CAP."

Reply — **The Rt. Hon. Lord Gray of Contin, Minister of State at the Scottish Office.**

## 18. TRADE AND INDUSTRY (Motion No. 241)

**Mr. N. Murray Tosh**, on behalf of Cunninghame South Conservative Association, to move:

"That this Conference congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the success of the British Telecom privatisation, also on its declared policy to use wider share ownership as a means of encouraging employees to take a greater interest in their place of employment."

Reply — **Mr. Alex Fletcher, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade and Industry.**



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## COMPLETE LIST OF MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO CONFERENCE

Note Those marked ★ have been selected for debate

### DEFENCE

1. That this Conference calls upon Her Majesty's Government to impose stricter security measures where necessary in defence of the Nation and to introduce stricter vetting of security personnel and maximum sentences for breaches of security.  
**Angus East**
2. This Conference commends the Government to pursue a new defence policy enlisting the strength of the former Commonwealth countries into a defensive alliance with Western Europe, thus creating a substantial third force in world politics.  
**Dundee East** **Proposer— Mr Ian Bunce**
3. This Conference reaffirms its commitment to the Trident system as an essential constituent both of deterrence and of hope for multilateral disarmament.  
**North Tayside** **Proposer— Mr Ross Leckie**
4. This Conference challenges the Labour Party to reveal the truth about its defence policies, believing the public have a right to know that those policies if implemented would not only reduce Britain's defence capability but would inevitably lead to massive job losses in defence establishments such as Rosyth Dockyard.  
**Dunfermline East**
5. This Conference welcomes the Government's strengthening of Britain's defences which secures jobs for Rosyth Dockyard and the defence industries in the Dunfermline area.  
**Dunfermline West** **Cllr Dr P.S. Davison**
6. This Conference urges Her Majesty's Government, whilst supporting all attempts by the United States and the USSR in reaching agreement in nuclear arms control talks, to maintain the Defence of the Realm as its chief priority and to maintain at all times a nuclear strike capacity as a deterrent.  
**Argyll and Bute**
7. That this Conference views with grave concern the announcement of withdrawal of training of junior soldiers in Scotland and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to review this situation in the interest of parity within the British armed forces.  
**Cunninghame North** **Mr D Paterson**
8. That this Conference welcomes the resumption of arms talks between the United States and Soviet Russia and urges Her Majesty's Government to do all in its power to encourage balanced, mutual and verifiable disarmament.  
**Strathkelvin and Bearsden** **Proposer— Mr Tom O'Connell**
9. That this Conference congratulates Her Majesty's Government on its policies for defence and verifiable multilateral disarmament, but urges that even stronger efforts be made to counteract the arguments of unilateral organisations.  
**Conservative Women's Scottish Council**



183.

This Conference believes that the enlargement of the EEC should not stop with the entry of Spain and Portugal. Further, the powers of the institutions of the EEC must be enhanced to match the enlargement.

**Lothians Euro Constituency Council**

**Proposer— Mr Robert Miller-Bakewell**

184.

This Conference, noting that the European Commission has calculated that companies are wasting 500m.ECU per annum on documentation for crossing borders within the EEC, calls for the removal of all border red tape in order that a genuine free market can be created and that 5% of transport costs can be saved.

**Lothians Euro Constituency Council**

**Proposer— Mr Robert Miller-Bakewell**

185.

This Conference commemorates today that forty years ago, on 8th May 1945, the second World War came to an end in Europe. In the four decades since 1945, Europe has lived through the longest period in its history without any war between its nations.

By their policy of European integration, the freely elected governments of Western European nations have made a contribution to peace which has no parallel in history. But we accept that without the stability and protection provided by the strong NATO alliance this integration would not have been possible.

Further, this Conference reiterates its belief in close partnership among the countries of Europe in the conviction that this will reinforce political stability in Europe. While it regrets that events in these forty years have led to a division of Europe between East and West, this Conference urges Her Majesty's Government to intensify its efforts to achieve a closer cooperation of all democratic nations of the continent whether they are members of the European Community or not.

This Conference calls for cooperation with all countries of Europe on the basis of respect for their independence and territorial integrity, but it reaffirms its commitment to individual freedom and human rights and acknowledges that their continued repression in Eastern Europe constitutes a major obstacle to this fuller cooperation which it seeks.

**Lothians Euro Constituency Council**

**Proposer— Mr Robert Miller-Bakewell**

186.

"That this Conference, as its contribution to the United Nations International Youth Year, urges Her Majesty's Government to encourage links, cultural, social and educational, between youth in Britain and youth in other countries, particularly Eastern bloc countries, thus recognising that today's youth have a significant role to play in tomorrow's peace".

**Hamilton**

**Proposer— Mr David Williamson**

187.

As increased exports are essential at a time of intense competition in international trade, and since Britain has still to achieve its full market potential, this Conference urges Her Majesty's Government to reduce Civil Service involvement by encouraging greater business participation in: 1. market research; 2. organisation of overseas sales tours with specific targets in mind; 3. introducing more aggressive sales tactics.

**Ayr**

**Proposer— Mr Gavin Roser**

188.

This Conference, honouring the 40th anniversary of cessation of hostilities in Europe and desirous of strengthening both political and economic development of policies to maintain European democracies, seeks Government initiatives to strengthen European cooperation and understanding.

**North-East Scotland Euro-Constituency Council**

**Proposer— Mr James L.C. Provan, MEP**

## **RATING REFORM**

189.

That this Conference expresses deep concern at the failure of Her Majesty's Government to replace the present rating system with a more equitable tax for financing Local Government.

**Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber**

190.

This Conference considers that the first step towards Rating Reform is the transfer of the whole funding of education to Central Government; education is a national service, the whole cost of which would be more fairly borne by taxpayers in general and not partially by ratepayers. This transfer would approximately halve Local Government expenditure and ease the choice and introduction of an alternative to the Rating System.

**Ross, Cromarty and Skye**

**Proposer— Mr C F Spencer-Nairn**

191.

That this Conference, taking account of the 1985 Re-valuation of domestic property and the escalation of Local Authority Rates calls on Her Majesty's Government to undertake urgently a complete review of the Rating system and remove the burden from the ratepayers.

**Banff and Buchan**

192.

That this Conference registers its disappointments that the Government has failed to fulfil its election commitment to reform the rating system.

**Gordon**

193.

This Conference requests the Government to re-open discussions with a view to abolishing the present rating system and replacing it with a more equitable arrangement thereby fulfilling a promise contained in a previous Manifesto.

**Moray and West Banff**

\* 194.

This Conference, considering that the credibility of Her Majesty's Government is seriously damaged by the failure to replace rates with a fairer system of Local Government financing, demands that immediate action be taken to fulfil the Conservative Party's commitment to introduce a more equitable system.

**Edinburgh Central**

**Proposer— Mr David McLetchie**

195.

In view of continuing public concern over the inequities of the rating system, this Conference call on Her Majesty's Government to honour now the Party's commitment to institute a fair system of local taxation.

**Dunfermline West**

**Proposer— Mr K W E Cowe**

196.

The revaluation for Rating purposes in Scotland this year has re-emphasised the inequities of the rating system. This Conference demands that Her Majesty's Government honour the Conservative Party's commitment to replace rates with a fairer system of financing Local Government.

**Kirkcaldy**

197.

This Conference considers that the Party's Parliamentary electoral success in Scotland is dependent to a major extent on a solution to the problem of financing Local Government being found.

**North East Fife**

198.

This Conference deplores the fact that this Government has failed to take action on Domestic Rate Reform.

**Falkirk West**

199.

That this Conference strongly supports democratically elected Local Government and declares that the present rating system must be reformed to make the whole electorate more fully responsible for the economic consequence of its vote.

**East Lothian**

**Proposer— Mr Duncan Menzies**



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200.

This Conference believes - 1. that the present rating system by which local government finance is raised, is out of date and is grossly unfair; 2. that this has long been recognised by the Party — which has a long-standing commitment to reform the system; 3. that the Government has been uncharacteristically dilatory and incompetent in its failure to implement reform; 4. that the Government must announce immediate plans for speedy reform.

**Edinburgh Pentlands**

201.

That this Conference views with concern the effects of revaluation and the reduction in Rate Support Grant on domestic and commercial rates, and urges the Government to make the reform of the present rating system a matter of urgency.

**Roxburgh and Berwickshire**

202.

This Conference, while applauding the Government's determination to pursue its economic policies in the face of many difficulties, wishes to press for the abolition of domestic rating and suggests replacement by a local tax on an equal per capita basis. Consideration should be given to a trial period in Scotland where the situation on Rating is critical.

**Dumfries**

203.

This Conference, whilst recognising the efforts Her Majesty's Government to remove some of the anomalies from the rating and valuation system and to hold down rate increases, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to proceed with a radical reform of the system as a matter of the utmost priority and to provide a new method of financing Local Government.

**Argyll and Bute**

204.

That this Conference deplores the increasing burdens being placed on Scottish ratepayers, and calls for urgent action to replace domestic rates by a form of taxation related to individual income.

**Ayr**

205.

Whilst applauding the steps taken to reduce the Rates Burden on Industry, this Conference finds the imposition of savage increases on the domestic sector unacceptable, and calls for the immediate abolition of the Rating System and its replacement with a more equitable system of local taxation.

**Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley**

**Proposer—Mr Andrew Littlejohn**

206.

This Conference urges the Government to abolish the present rating system forthwith and replace it by a fairer and broader form of taxation.

**Clydebank and Milngavie**

207.

This Conference deplores the fact that the Government has failed to implement its firm commitment to rates reform.

**Clydesdale**

208.

That this Conference calls upon Her Majesty's Government to scrap the 1985 Property Revaluation and to seek urgently a more equitable means than Rates of financing Local Government expenditure.

**Cunninghame South**

209.

That this Conference calls on the Government to reconsider the recommendations of the SCUA Local Government Advisory Committee and implement proposals to reform the rating system.

**Dumbarton**

210.

This Conference calls upon the Government to introduce legislation whereby funding of essential services is the responsibility of Central Government and not Local Authorities.

**East Kilbride**



211.

This Conference, believing that public support for the Government is seriously eroded by its failure to replace rates with a more equitable system of local government financing, demands that immediate action be taken to fulfil the Conservative Party's pledge to introduce a fairer system.

**Dunfermline East**

212.

This Conference condemns the continuing failure of Her Majesty's Government to abolish the rating and valuation system and calls on the Government to replace the system with a more equitable basis of funding Local Authority expenditure.

**Eastwood**

**Proposer— Mr Adrian Shinwell**

213.

This Conference deplores the failure of the Government to reform the system of financing Local Government.

**Glasgow Hillhead**

214.

This Conference regrets that Her Majesty's Government has been unable to fulfil its Manifesto pledge to introduce rating reform and calls upon the Government to proceed with a radical reform of the system to provide a new method of funding local government in Scotland within this present Parliament.

**Glasgow Maryhill**

215.

That this Conference calls for the abolition of the present domestic rating system and asks that it be replaced by a per capita local personal tax.

**Glasgow Pollok**

216.

This Conference urges Her Majesty's Government to find an acceptable substitute for the present rating system as a matter of extreme urgency.

**Greenock and Port Glasgow**

217.

This Conference wishes to see Rating Reform, promised by this Government, implemented before the end of the current parliamentary session.

**Kilmarnock and Loudoun**

**Proposer— Mrs M. Park**

218.

This Conference would remind the Government of the battle cry of the American Colonies — No Taxation without Representation — and would point out that in 20th Century Britain, commerce and industry, while having no vote whatsoever in the election of local councils, is currently paying the lion's share of the local rates bill.

**Paisley South**

219.

This Conference urges the Government to reconsider Rating Reform. With the current property revaluation and the sharp reduction in Rate Support Grant to Councils in 1985/86 the present system requires radical reform and not the cosmetic adjustments so far undertaken.

**Strathkelvin and Bearsden**

**Proposer— Cllr Mrs. Joan Cameron**

220.

Whilst applauding the Government's stance in limiting excessive expenditure by Local Authorities, this Conference deplores the fact that despite continuous pressure from Associations, the Government continues to ignore significant Rating Reforms and in effect by reducing percentage rate support contributions is compounding the worst effects.

**Scottish Local Government Advisory Committee**

**Proposer— Mr Phil Gallie**

221.

That this Conference welcomes the current review of Local Government Financing instructed by the Rt Hon Patrick Jenkin MP and calls on the Government to fund Education, Fire, Police and Water services totally from Central Government Funds and to fund all other local services by introducing a local personal tax on a per capita basis, thereby abolishing the need for the present rating system.

**Scottish Local Government Advisory Committee**

**Proposer— Cllr Kenneth G. Ferguson**

222.

This Conference believes that an alternative to the present rating system must be found as a matter of urgency and congratulates the Scottish Conservative Party Chairman for publicising the broad feelings of our Party.

**Scottish Conservative Candidates Association**

223.

This Conference believes that the current system of local taxation is inequitable. It creates an undemocratic system of Local Government by giving to some representation without taxation and conversely for some taxation without representation.

**West of Scotland Conservative Women's Area Committee**

224.

This Conference deplores the fact that this Conservative Government has still not honoured its pledges on Rates Reform.

**The Tory Club**

225.

That this Conference is seriously concerned at the continuing injustice of the current rating system, is appalled at the way it is being made even worse by revaluation, and demands that the Government take urgent steps to replace domestic rates with a poll tax that would spread the burden of paying for local government fairly over all adult residents.

**Central Fife**

226.

This Conference urges the Government to reform substantially the rating system.

**Stirling**

227.

This Conference calls upon Her Majesty's Government to change fundamentally the system of local government finance by abolishing domestic rates and introducing a system of per capita taxes incorporating appropriate reliefs. Further, the Conference, recognising the success of the Criminal Justice Bill procedure, calls for this change to be initiated first in Scotland.

**Edinburgh Leith**

228.

This Conference welcomes the further examination of Local Government Finance and particularly Domestic Rating and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to abolish Domestic Rating and replace this with a per capita tax.

**Edinburgh South**

**Proposer— Cllr Kenneth G. Ferguson**

229.

Considering the gross unfairness of the existing rating system, this Conference calls upon Her Majesty's Government to act without further delay in accordance with the commitment of the Conservative Party manifesto.

**Midlothian**

230.

This Conference calls upon the Government to reform with all speed the Rating System.

**Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale**

231.

This Conference believes that the present Rating system is unfair to the existing ratepayers and a more equal system must be implemented forthwith as promised in the 1979 Manifesto.

**Glasgow Garscadden**

232.

This Conference regrets the Government's failure to introduce a more equitable system of raising Local Authorities revenue to replace the present unfair Rating system and considers that Scotland has been less favourably treated than other areas of the UK as a result of revaluation this year whilst similar action has not been found necessary in England since 1973.

**Glasgow Provan**

**Proposer— Mr J. C. Gilbert**



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233.  
 This Conference calls on the Government to abolish domestic rates and replace them with a local per capita tax which will ensure a more equitable means of financing local government expenditure.

**City of Glasgow Conservative Association**

234.  
 That this Conference calls on Her Majesty's Government to recognise the overwhelming desire for reform of the rating system and calls for the introduction of some form of local taxation or poll tax to replace domestic rates.

**Central and Southern Area Council**

**Proposer— Mr J. K. Gilbert**

235.  
 This Conference supports the Secretary of State for Scotland in his efforts to keep local authority rate increases to a minimum and reaffirms the Scottish Conservative Party's commitment to rating reform as opposed to abolition.

**Livingston**

## TRADE & INDUSTRY

236.  
 This Conference considers it essential and of immediate priority to ensure that the terms of trade, import and export, are re-negotiated to be equal as between the UK and Japan with a view to relieving the mounting imbalance of trade and the ever-rising consequential unemployment in this country.

**Dundee East**

**Proposer— Mr Ian Bunce**

237.  
 As a result of growing public concern over environmental dangers, this Conference asks Her Majesty's Government to institute legislation requiring third party insurance of potential industrial hazards to protect the public.

**Dunfermline West**

**Proposer— Cllr Dr P. S. Davison**

238.  
 This Conference congratulates the Government on its flotation of British Telecom and calls upon it to continue to pursue vigorously its policy of restoring Government-owned enterprises to genuine public ownership.

**Edinburgh West**

**Proposer— Mr Iain A. Mitchell**

239.  
 In situations where, by retention of marginal loss-making industrial activity, an overall economic advantage to the Nation can be clearly demonstrated, particularly where there is a possibility of longer-term viability, this Conference asks the Government to seek means of compensating industries, private and public, for continued operation, in the interest of the taxpayer, sound economic sense and social effect.

**Cunninghame North**

**Proposer— Mr P. R. Gaillie**

240.  
 That this Conference urges Her Majesty's Government to recognise the importance to the economy of the British electronics industry and requests the Government to give increased support to the micro-electronics industry to a level comparable with other European countries.

**Cunninghame South**

★ 241.  
 That this Conference congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the success of the British Telecom privatisation, also on its declared policy to use wider share ownership as a means of encouraging employees to take a greater interest in their place of employment.

**Cunninghame South**

242.  
 That this Conference urges the Conservative Government to be committed to a viable Steel Industry in Scotland and believes it should be centred on the Ravensraig Complex.

**Motherwell South**

**Proposer— Cllr John Thomson**