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FIRST DRAFT

INTRO

Thank you, Mr. President, for that wonderful welcome -
so very comforting in what, as always, has been a very demanding
year [including a few of what a distinguished predecessor of
mine, Harold MacMillan, used to call "local difficulties".]

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We are a party which thrives on debate, as this conference has
shown again, and which cares deeply about the great issues of
the day. But we are also a party which knows what it stands
for and what it seeks to achieve. We may argue about the methods,
but we all have a common aim: to protect, and fight for, the

values we believe in.

There has been much sound and fury during the last few weeks.
The opposition parties have been at conference offering their
easy ways out.

There has been a lot of talk of power - we'll spend more if we
get power . . . we'll borrow more if we get power . . . we'll
pay you more if we get power.

There has been a lot of talk of power but there hasn't been much
talk of responsibility. Today, I want to speak of our
responsibilities, the responsibilities of a Conservative Party
that is in power. For while others ask for power, we take
responsibility. //

And looking to a United Conservative
Party at the Polls

(Technology)

SPEECH

MORALITY

CONSERVATIONISM

The charge is sometimes made that our policies are only concerned with money and efficiency. That they have no regard for people or morality.

and never has been

~~I am the first to acknowledge that~~ morality is not the monopoly of one party, *and it would be worse for any one party to try to claim it for its own.*

But it is the foundation of our policies.

Conservatives

- Why are we so opposed to inflation? Only because it raises costs? No, because it also destroys jobs, invites speculation and hurts pensioners. And that is moral not just economic.

Conservatives

- Why have we limited the power of trade unions? Only to improve productivity? No, because trade union members want to be protected from intimidation. And that is moral not just economic.

Conservatives

- Why have we privatised public sector industries? Only to improve efficiency? No. But to spread the wealth of our

country among as many as possible. And that is moral not just economic.

- Why have we introduced the assisted place scheme in schools? And why are we ^{conservatives} creating new schools within the maintained sector? To establish elitism or privilege? No. But to give the families of Brent and Haringey and Liverpool greater choice in the education of their children. A choice denied them by their militant labour councils.

Extending choice, ~~therefore~~, is rooted in our Conservative tradition. ~~Greater choice means greater responsibility.~~ It ^{is} ~~means increased~~ opportunities. And without that choice, talk of morality is empty.

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Last week the Labour Party proudly proclaimed it was 'Putting People First'. What an empty slogan. It was exposed by the policies the conference adopted.

They would be right to power the U.K. before

- ① They ^{want} ~~decided~~ to ~~make private education illegal.~~ ^{remove the present right to send children} and substitute something run by the unions themselves which could NOT be entered into contracts either by union members or employers.
- ② They ^{want} ~~decided~~ to re-nationalise British Telecom. ^{British Telecom} ~~and other industries - they can't stand the thought of~~ ^{workers leaving with a vote} ~~with a vote~~ ^{with a bit of capital of their own.}
- They ~~decided~~ to stop the sale of council houses.

Put in brackets

^{hardwork} ^{reaffirmed}
 The Labour Party has never renounced Clause 4 of its Constitution which called for "the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange ... and control of each industry or service". ^{It reaffirmed it} Labour ~~doesn't~~ renounce it because that is its goal.

We have just nothing about people - it all about what

They decided to make ~~much~~ ^{as much as possible} ~~education illegal~~ ^{with it} 4
They decided to stop the sale of Council Houses
by right - ~~the speed of home ownership~~
~~They've pursued higher taxes especially on what the~~
~~wealthy pay~~

'Putting Government First' is what the Labour Party believes.
But the inevitable result is 'Putting People Second'.

As the record of recent years shows choice is the only
safeguard each of us has against the power of an expanding
State. " ~~It is a~~ ~~water for them~~

~~great~~ ~~stream~~ of democracy flows strongly,

~~undercurrents of socialism~~ pull against that stream.

3 41 The whole drift of ^{reform} their policy is in the direction
of strengthening the hand of the State, against the
independence of the individual. You can make your own
mental check list. Karl Marx published his Communist
Manifesto in 1849. The major changes to be brought
about by revolution were the abolition of private property;
a heavy progressive income tax; the abolition of the
right of inheritance; nationalisation of banking, transport
and the media; and education for all children in state
schools. ~~How much of that programme is repellent to~~ ^{Not many different between that and the} ^{of the alien}
~~the delegates who met at Blackpool last week? How much~~ ^{But perhaps that's}
~~of it is attractive to those delegates? The questions~~ ^{with surprise when you think of the thousands of members who vote for the party}
~~answer themselves. That is where the great divide in~~ ^{the man who will come through revolution}
politics still exists today. "

Nichell. For ~~what~~

And lying at the heart of this change in the condition of our country is the difference between Conservatism and Socialism.

~~The two are as different as chalk and cheese.~~

Paraphrase this

[Opposed]

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Whereas Socialists believe you belong to the State,

Conservatives insist the State belongs to you.

Whereas Socialists promote State ownership, Conservatives

stand for ^{*Personal*} ~~individual~~ property rights - *for everyone*

Whereas Socialists work through ~~organisations~~ - the big

^{*and*} battalion ~~or block vote mentality~~ - Conservatives

work through individuals.

Whereas Socialists want to control your lives, Conservatives

want to liberate them. *||*

~~The one word which encapsulates these differences between~~

~~Socialists and Conservatives is freedom.~~

Whereas Socialists are willing to jeopardise the defence of our country, we regard defence as the first duty of government and foremost responsibility.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Defence

An age in which the balance of world
Peace rests upon nuclear arsenals, troubles
the imagination and arouses fears.

Yet this balance of which America bears
for the West the lion's share has preserved peace
for 40 years in a Europe which twice in the
previous 30 years tore itself to pieces. Preserved
peace not only ~~against~~ ^{from} nuclear weapons, but ~~against~~ ^{from}
conventional weapons as well. At this peace, peace
with freedom, peace with justice.

And now the Labour party declares it
would banish American nuclear bases from this country
and ~~declares~~ ^{says} it would be inimical to avail ourselves
of America's nuclear shield.

So the Soviet Union would only have

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to threaten to use nuclear weapons against us
and Britain would have to surrender. Peace
without freedom, without justice. Peace at
any price. In Britain the bastion of Liberty

This Labour policy is the biggest ~~break~~
~~most~~ ~~fundamental~~ ^{grave} break with defence policy
~~in history~~ by an opposition leader ever
since World War II.

It was Nye Bevan ~~who~~ who waved against
going naked into the conference chamber.

It was Hugh Cudlipp who promised
to fight, fight and fight again against the
unilateral disarmament.

It was ~~to day's leadership~~ ^{to day's leadership} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~united the~~ ^{surrendered}
~~party~~ ^{by moving upwards} ~~to~~ ^{to the left}
forgetting our friends and exposing us to our enemies.



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It must never come to pass. Let every free citizen in every free country know that Conservative government of the UK will keep its obligations of to its allies ~~and~~ ~~on~~ because it values the freedom of all its citizens, and the reputation ~~of~~ your name from our country.

Insert

[What is it about British Socialists which makes them so much more fella about defence than the French]

What is it about British Socialists that they would give up nuclear deterrent while the USSR goes on stockpiling them. Why do they want to weaken our defence against Communism? To turn Britain neutral? Britain? Another whether? Pop



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Economic & industrial SECTION to come
from Gower (Redwood)

Some contributions included here.
with following page

New Technology

Task of Govt

Power to the People

JOBS.

NEW TECHNOLOGY.

✓ Whole industrial world is seeing great changes
much of it due to new technology - old industries declining - new
ones taking their place.

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~~Electricity, steam engines, and the internal combustion engine.
Many people thought Edison's light bulb would set New York
on fire. There were, no doubt, angry protests when horse-
drawn buses were replaced by motors.~~

It would be foolish to pretend that this transition can
be accomplished without ^{agitation} confusion and problems. But it would
be equally foolish ^{breeding faith with the future to put a stop to} to pretend that a country like Britain, which
is so heavily dependent on exports, can somehow ignore what
is happening in the rest of the world - to behave as if these
great events have nothing to do with us; to fight change; to
turn the clock back.

Labour's approach - Over-manning.

Labour

Yet this is exactly what the Labour party proposes to do.

It wants to give back to the trade unions the powers they used
to have - and we all know what that means. It wants to return
to the old levels of over-manning. It wants to make life difficult
for the very people on which the future of Britain depends -
the wealth creators.

Well, that defies ^{all} common sense. The British people know, ^{it}
in their heart of hearts, that it is not a realistic answer.

✓ They know that we must adapt; that we must be strong enough
to compete with countries like Japan and Germany in order to
survive and prosper.

Government's approach

Governments can help by encouraging enterprise, ^{giving} positive
thinking, the pursuit of excellence in every field. ^{That is}

^{the way to} create new jobs. ^{That is what the government}
has been doing. ^{Some people call it Thatcherism, I call it}
common sense.

~~Not enough, the government
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common sense. The government has been doing. Some people call it Thatcherism, I call it
common sense.~~

Must distinguish the receipt service

Governments should not run businesses: they don't know how to do it. The weaknesses of the case for State ownership have become all too obvious. Planners do not have to suffer the consequences of their mistakes; ^{taxpayers have to} ~~the Government will~~ pick up the bill. Trade unions can - and do - insist that goods ^{should} ~~be produced at a loss~~. And poor service can go on for years because there is no real compulsion to compete or excel.

When the state owns, nobody owns; and when nobody owns, nobody cares.

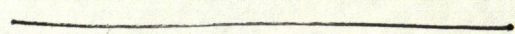
TASK OF GOVT

The job of Government is to set the right financial and legal framework and allow industry to work within it. It is to cut taxes, cut red tape, and encourage competition.

① This Government has rolled back the frontiers of the state, and will continue to do so. Many other countries have followed our example. Privatisation has found its way to the Labour Government of New Zealand and to the ~~statist~~ bureaucracy of Brazil, to the new democracy of the Phillipines and even in an oriental version in China. Everywhere Governments are trying to cut deficits, repay debt, restrain the public sector.

② We believe in popular capitalism - in a property-owning democracy.

We are proud of the fact that so many people now own their home. In Scotland recently, I witnessed the sale of the millioneth council house. ~~The Labour party opposed us on this, even though home ownership is immensely popular with the British people. But then the Labour party has never been very interested in what people want - it prefers to tell them what they should have.~~ Now for the second million



POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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We have also encouraged a great expansion in shareownership. ^{and that, name to} ~~and will go on doing so~~, with the sale of more shares in enterprises like British Gas and British Airways. ^{But the state says, we have} Millions of people now have a stake in the companies they work for. ^{run} More than one ^{only} in five British companies now operate profit-sharing schemes for their employees. ^{plans}

Our aim is to consign to the dustbin that most misleading of phrases "the two sides of industry", which has done so much harm to Britain.

~~It should be as natural for people to own shares as to own their home or own a car.~~ People should not be classified as either earners or owners, as either employees or shareholders. They should be both. It is good and honourable to have a stake in the business that provides your livelihood.

Popular capitalism is nothing less than a crusade to enfranchise the many in the economic life of the nation. ^{and to have a stake in other means to get the real thing} ~~We are returning power to the people.~~ ^{Communist} ~~Part of the way to One Nation - One People.~~ ^{Real} INSURANCE

All this helps to build a robust and more responsible society. The strength of our policies is that they are founded on the basic instincts of our people - an instinct for ownership, for thrift, for honest work, for fair rewards, and for helping others. We do not seek to divide the country: we seek to unite it in a common purpose. ^{Real is the real conversion.}

It was this basic instinct - and a spirit of adventure - which once made Britain the leading industrial nation in the world. It is still vital to our future.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Jobs.

Great ~~than~~ ~~assessments~~ assessments have been made by our
opponents that they will create in more new
jobs. - Well - ~~that~~ that has happened under this
Conservative government in the last 3 years

the that

Could deliver more

Ian Lang

But do they perhaps mean a promise of a net increase of a million jobs. Well, we've done that too - there are a million more people in work now than there were at the last election.

So which is it Mr. Kinnock? A million jobs or a million additional jobs? Or don't you know the difference?

Either way it doesn't matter because we've done it already and we're doing it now and we're going to go on doing it.

→ A million more in work; many more jobs for women; a higher proportion of our working age population in work than almost anywhere else in Europe; more new jobs created than the rest of the European Community added together. Unemployment among young people falling. Unemployment among the older, long-term unemployed about to fall as a result of our Restart programme to help them.

These are just some of our achievements on jobs and there's much much more we've done for better training and for enterprise in our Action for Jobs campaign. It's all in the excellent Action for Jobs booklet.

We don't just talk about the problems. Our care can be seen in what we do about them.

And is there a real spirit of enterprise.

MODULE 3

OPPOSITION PLANS

JOBS, contd

In the last few weeks Labour has carried on its Autumn redecoration. This season's new colour is grey. Red reminds too many of red flags and red ink, the usual state of Labour's bank balance. It might even remind us of the militant lining to Labour's new coat. Grey was a good choice. It captures the mood of Labour's relaunched drab policies, shown in many of the cuff speeches at this Autumn's political fashion parades. It's about as up-to-date as Eastern European dresses on a Parisian catwalk.

~~On 11/11/77~~ Content of policies of our opponents

They have revealed their destruction of employment plan, ~~an all embracing winter outfit.~~ First to be sacked would be all the workers building nuclear power plants. Everyone employed in existing nuclear power stations ~~might also be given~~ ^{would soon be let} their marching orders.

And they would happen to choose great engineering industrial design teams who led the way for Britain in the construction of the first nuclear power station

The next to go would be the jobs of all those selling things to South Africa - 120,000 to 140,000 redundancies overnight.

Out would go the American nuclear deterrent and with it all of the American military bases in the United Kingdom - another 30,000 jobs destroyed.

And the movement has of being standards involve in the redundancy cases

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Younger people would be attacked by Labour's minimum wage legislation. *because people couldn't afford to employ domestic*
 A quarter of a million jobs mainly for the young *which*
 would be lost or forced underground by any such law. *But - stand.*

demand that the market withdraws take on
 Labour says that there would be other job opportunities.
~~There would be the new army of porters at British Rail stations~~
~~who probably wouldn't even carry your bags. Every letter would~~
~~be delivered by at least two postmen and at British Steel we~~
~~could return to having the least efficient works in Europe.~~
 Far from creating jobs, forcing the public sector to take on
 people to do things that don't need doing would simply put up
 prices and destroy jobs elsewhere.

thousands thousands more people. Postmen would be
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long kept all the way to the
containers then

whether the difficulties of the fact is that a few
~~in Britain have a higher price of our people at work than~~
~~any other countries in the E.E.C. except Denmark~~
is not *and we are doing in the right direction*

TAD^h

Wiam

M Other parties want to increase taxation ~~and~~
~~borrowing~~.

We are the only party which does not.

~~We want to reduce both, and we have:~~

~~Indeed we have ^{done} abolished three taxes.~~

But I can assure you of one thing above
all.

We shall only reduce taxes ^{when} ~~if~~ it is
prudent to do so.

Some say that we shall use the proceeds from
privatising British Gas to finance a
pre-election giveaway next March.

~~There is absolutely no truth in that.~~

~~If tax cuts cannot prudently be afforded
next March, there will be none.~~

*May I make it
Anti view*

WI do not intend to put at risk the
achievements of the past seven years, and
you would not want me to.

*Prudential Prudence will
remain the order of the day*

[I will also say this.

People who talk about pre-election

giveaways next March know much more about

the date of the election than I do.]

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ready to see it from DON'T DEMIGRATE - RETURN 20
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~~Some people think it's clever to deride it. They choose to ignore the basic fact of economic life: that you have to create wealth before you can spend it, and that wealth is created through the effort of the individual.~~

~~They are the same people who have never had anything good to say about anyone or anything, including their country.~~

In their eyes, everything that Britain does is wrong. Every setback, however small, is seen as proof that the situation is hopeless. Their favourite word is "crisis". It's a crisis when the pound goes down, and a crisis when the pound goes up. It's a crisis when the price of oil goes down and a crisis when the price of oil goes up. Its a crisis if Nissan doesn't come here - it's a crisis if who it does. It's a crisis if...

① They are ~~reluctant to acknowledge~~ good news and take a ~~perverse pleasure~~ in failure. Their thinking is dominated by cynicism, pettiness, and envy. ② They are the hand-wringing merchants of gloom and despondency. The spirit of adventure, pride in achievement, ~~patriotism~~ ^{belief in our country} all these things are ~~sneered~~ ^{despised} at.

It is extraordinary that so many other countries have far more good to say about Britain than we do ourselves.

Well, Maggie is not ~~sneering~~ ^{repent}. We ~~despise~~ such a negative, ~~destructive attitude~~ ^{defeatist view}. I ~~admire~~ ^{applaud} endeavour in every field, in every ~~occupation~~ ^{activity}. I ~~admire~~ ^{admire} people who do their best, and I am certainly not ashamed of being a patriot. ~~and who take the responsibility in look of the other~~ ^{and who take the responsibility in look of the other}

To say this is not to be complacent - far from it. There is much to be done, and we shall do it. We do not ignore this country's problems, nor do we flinch from the challenge they

While the trouble life runs round
running every step down

present. But I see no reason why we should ~~indulge in the~~ ^{go about} ~~tiresome old practise of self-denigration~~ ^{removing ourselves -}, the defeatist view that nothing we do as a nation is ever right.

There is a great deal ^{ACHIEVEMENTS} to be proud of. The successes of our exporters. The impressive advances in science and industry. The ~~effort~~ ^{effort} of millions of our people to create new enterprises and new jobs. ^{Success}

~~Inflation has been brought down from the horrifying levels reached under the last Labour Government, and is now at its lowest for many years. The number of days lost through strikes has fallen dramatically. Industry has become more efficient. Rates of income tax have been reduced. Personal ownership has grown.~~ ^{The outstanding performance of the NHS & Ministry of Health - world's best - they do better than most - large staff - 100,000} ~~The standard of living has never been higher. We are not lurching from one financial crisis to another, as we have done in the past.~~

These are genuine achievements in which we can all take pleasure and pride. We shouldn't be afraid of good news.

~~Much has been said and written about the disruptive effects of new technology. But what about the benefits? It has created new opportunities - and jobs - and it has made life easier in the home, in the office, and in the factory. It is taking over tedious or intractable tasks, improving the quality and efficiency of existing technologies, speeding up communications, helping to educate our children and contributing to further substantial advances in fields like medicine..~~ ^{I have spoken} ^{of}

Price on Health Service (coming from David Walker) will release to 5 hospitals visited this year

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~~I make no apology for preferring success to failure.~~

But let no-one say that this party, this Government, this Prime Minister lack compassion for those who are going through difficult times, through no fault of their own. We have done a great deal to help. But compassion has to be tempered by realism.

As every housewife knows, you can't just spend, spend, spend without regard for what you earn or can afford. Government money is not some abstract concept; it has to come from somewhere. Britain is not lurching from one financial crisis to another because we are careful.

That, too, is ~~not Thatcherism~~ but common sense. We are not in the business of buying votes, *with this year next year*
I care. CARING *election? year or any other time*

✓ I care about the sick, which is why spending on the health service is higher than ever before. That is Conservative care in practise.

I care about *those who can't find jobs* ~~the unemployed~~. Scarcely a day passes without the government looking at new ways of speeding job creation.

✓ I care about all the people - especially the nine million pensioners - who saw their savings devastated by runaway inflation under a Labour Government. That is why we have reduced the inflation rate to the lowest level in two decades.

Time difference proposed for when it is running at 3 1/2

I care about law and order - the right of decent people to be protected against crime, hooliganism, and the cancer of drugs. There is no excuse for those who do not respect that right. There is no excuse for the *Thug* burglar, the bully, the rapist, the evil dealer in drugs. There is no excuse for the terrorist. This party, and this Government, have always backed the police in their battle to uphold the rule of law. We shall go on doing so. That battle calls for the resolve and commitment of the British people. Our institutions of justice, the courts and the police require the unswerving support of every law abiding citizen. No one is above the law.

I care about the freedom of the individual to run his own life - instead of having it done for him by the State. Personal

liberty has to be constantly defended and strengthened; it should never be taken for granted.

I care about the pursuit of excellence in every field. success need not necessarily be measured in financial terms; what matters is giving one's best. *being good about words and having your own share of responsibility for others*

I care about people being able to own their home and to have a stake in the business they work for. *a wealth of opportunity.*

The notion that ceilings should be set on this and that - so dear to the left - should fill everyone with dismay. (Not everyone can be rich - not everyone wants to be - but) in a free society we all have the right to enjoy the rewards of effort. Set artificial ceilings and you deny people the chance to improve their lives through their own efforts. ~~The lowest common denominator becomes all-important.~~ The speed of the convoy becomes the speed of the slowest ship.

Savings, income, property, whatever you call it, it's nice to have a little bit of your own.

I care about the principle I was taught when I was young - an honest day's pay for an honest day's work.

I care about parliamentary democracy and free speech *especially in the Council chamber.* I don't want to see Britain run by militants who have no time for either.

I care about making sure that Britain's best brains and brightest talents are not driven away by excessive taxation. That is why we have brought income tax down; our opponents want to put it up. They want to put their hands in your pockets, your pockets, not just those of the rich.

I care about our friendship with the United States - a country which has done so much to uphold freedom in the democratic world, and which has fought so valiantly against tyranny of every kind. We in Britain value our independence, but we also value our friends.

I care about the defence of this country. This Government has never faltered in its resolve to defend Britain from aggressors and never will.

I care about the young people of Britain and their future. That is why we have launched the largest youth training programme this country has ever seen. I am much impressed - and encouraged - by the enthusiastic response of so many young men and women.

We in this party are deeply concerned about the young and we are doing everything we can to help. But we don't want to see this country handed over to people who want to create a new Soviet Union, a new Poland, a new Czechoslovakia, a new East Germany. The young are sensible enough to know what those societies are like, and we have no intention of going down that road. This lady has seen enough of life - and the world - not to believe in a socialist Utopia.

Reminds



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I have spoken of the basis of
 our fundamental beliefs, of how our policies
 stem from them, policies that are clear, decisive,
 looking to the future, right for Britain. The things
 we have achieved, ~~not only~~ ~~spell their~~ not only
 spell their own success, they enable us to take
 the next steps forward. You have heard etc.
 then from Ministers You have heard etc.

But this are only part of the journey to ~~the~~
 the horizon and it won't be straightforward - journey isn't
 but our eyes are on our destination, a destination
~~we don't see~~ ~~we don't see~~ ~~we don't see~~
 I want to see

So have others. Alexander Solzhenitzyn has warned the West against what he called "the misty phantom of socialism". Socialism, he said, ~~"has created the illusion of quenching people's thirst for justice; socialism has lured their conscience into thinking that the steamroller which is about to flatten them is a blessing in disguise, a salvation. And socialism, more than anything else, has caused public hypocrisy to thrive"~~.

Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel prize winner and dissident, has also urged us to beware of what he called "the pursuit of leftish liberal fadishness". The leftists, he said, usually accept too trustingly the dogmas of the socialist system, and avoid listening to anything that contradicts it."

They are warnings that should be heeded.

Inter C. VISION
~~I have a vision of the future.~~

I want to see a Britain which recognises the realities of a challenging period in our history and comes to terms with them - a Britain which makes the most of its opportunities in the world.

I want to see a Britain in which people remain free to develop their full potential, in every field of endeavour.

I want to see a Britain which has no truck with outmoded Marxist doctrine about class warfare. *As one of the Russian writers would* For us it is not who you are, who your family is, or ~~where you come from~~ that matters. It is what you are and what you can do for our country that counts.

*at the end of the
 last century*

*'Saviours of the
 of the future'*

I want to see a Britain free from the shackles of excessive state control.

I want to see a Britain in which people show compassion for their fellow citizens and are prepared to help those in genuine need, but don't expect Governments to do everything for them.

I want to see a Britain which admires initiative, effort and success instead of denigrating it.

I want to see a Britain where many, many more people have genuine new jobs - jobs which will last - and where taxation is reduced still further.

I want to see a Britain in which there is a high standard of health care, where savings keep their value, where the standards in our schools are a source of pride and where people respect the rule of law.

I want to see a Britain which is respected in the world, not pitied; a Britain which is strong; not feeble; a Britain which is positive, not defeatist.

Above all, I want to see a Britain which values the great benefits of living in a free society - and which is determined to preserve them. That is my vision. It is a vision worth fighting for, and I shall fight - for however long it takes.

We have accomplished much, and ~~I most warmly thank you for all your efforts.~~

Let us not be deterred by the cynics, the woe-mongers, the self-appointed levellers, the petty would-be dictators, the people with glib solutions and cheap compromises, the

fairheaded - the people who reject common sense because it does not suit their purpose

Future - yet to come

The Return of National Pride.

The opposition parties have one thing in common. They like nothing better than to knock Britain.

They ^{ally} tell us that the economy is in terminal decline, that we have cut spending on the Health Service, that we can't afford to defend ourselves.

The opposition try to make Britons ashamed of themselves.

When we look back over the last seven years of Conservative government we have nothing to be ashamed of.

First and most important, because we have called on the nation to face up to its responsibilities - to provide a credible defence, to maintain law and order, to provide for the needy, to protect individual rights - and because the nation has responded, there has been a renewal of national pride.

Seven years ago there was very little for the nation to be proud of. Socialism had seen to that. As it always does. Now that we have solid national achievements to our credit we see a return of confidence.

That's why our opponents try to con people into believing their horror stories. They know that national morale has improved enormously under this Conservative government and it doesn't suit their purposes.

Our opponents' vision of Britain bears as much resemblance to reality as the kind of horror film that Messers Hammer are so good at making. You know, the films they show on television late on Saturday nights when the children have gone to bed. The ones that make your hair stand on end.