

TUESDAY 8 JULY

MEETING WITH PETER YOUNG AND FEDERATION
OF CONSERVATIVE STUDENTS

1830-1930 HOURS - No. 10

F.C.S.

Notes of the points raised at a meeting of the Prime Minister and the officers of F.C.S. at No. 10 Downing Street on Tuesday, 8th July, 1980.

PRIVATISATION. Important to press ahead. Prime Minister indicated that Michael Heseltine was giving a lead and Michael Forsyth's article in Now! was being reprinted and sent out from C.C.O. by Joan Varley.

Q.U.A.L.G.O.s. These should be a target for local government.

Misuse of funds. Manchester University: coaches to picket over H-blocks. Spent £17000 fighting Prime Minister. Demos funded by taxpayer. The Prime Minister and Dr. Boyson asked for Chapter and Verse examples. Possibility of ultra vires action. Finance would be needed for that case. F.C.S. should not be seen to be involved.

Student Community Action. Front organisation for Left students funded by Home Office (£14000). Ostensibly to help in the community (digging O.A.P.'s gardens, painting, decorating etc.) but this is a cover for political activities. F.C.S. would like to see funds withdrawn.

National Youth organisations. National Youth Bureau, British Youth Council, Scottish Youth Council have all been heavily penetrated by the Left who are virtually full-time politicians; creating nationwide network.

P. Young said: "Cut off the funds."

The all-party Youth Committee now has Sue Slipman, ex-President N.U.S., running it. Respectability by having Mr. Heath as President. Local authority money is also going into regional/local schemes. E.g. Dorset County Council give £15,000 to fund youth. £1½m. in region. Government should cut rather than waste money and give more to voluntary agencies to balance cuts.

GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS. Complaints generally about difficulty in obtaining Government speakers for F.C.S. functions. F.C.S. stressed they particularly wanted Ministers in first week of October.

OPPOSITION TACTICS. F.C.S. believe the Left will campaign against nuclear and pro ecology. F.C.S. want a front organisation (preferably all-party and non) to press pro-nuclear case.

Other likely Left issues: N. Ireland; Troops Out: H.-block; Freedom fighters; Armagh Women's prison; Pro-United Ireland.

PROPAGANDA. F.C.S. intending to develop bookstalls with a view to countering the Left's case and advancing the Right's philosophy, stressing the moral case for cuts.

POLYTECHNICS. In the sector the F.C.S.'s Education Policy Group feel that there is a drift from vocational courses to a second class university position. Need to concentrate on conditions for setting up courses (i.e. how many on what courses). Dr. Boyson is supplying figures.

GENERAL EDUCATION POINTS. F.C.S. feel:

- A) Talk of linking G.C.E. and C.S.E. not welcome.
- B) Standards. Need to change examination marking system.
- C) Need to return to selection at secondary level where local authority wants it.
- D) Government not selling its case re. education.
- E) Reduce number of polytechnic courses by increasing number required to apply. Dr. Boyson examining this point.
- F) Concern over security of tenure of college of technology lecturers.
- G) Need to transfer resources to productive courses (e.g. engineering and maths) away from sociology.

Foreign Affairs. More stress needed in ideological battle with the Soviet Union. Push Western ideas - not being done. Step up East European/Soviet service. Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe nregarded as 'wet'. F.C.S. criticism of role of British Embassies.

Afghanistan. Radio station needed. Disused radio in Oman.

P.L.O. Jewish students in particular very worried about Venice statement from E.E.C. Seems to be a trend to PLO. A public statement from P.M. would be helpful.

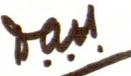
DENATIONALISATION. Not going fast enough.

QUANGO's. Much more to be done.

PUBLIC EXPENDITURES. Not reduced enough.

F.C.S. Conference. Would PM speak at next Conference. P.M. said she would hope to speak at one in two or one in three. No firm promise of next conference.

9th July, 1980


Derek Howe.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

7 July 1980

Further to our conversation on the telephone this morning, I confirm that the Prime Minister will be pleased to see Dr. Boyson at the meeting with the Federation of Conservative Students tomorrow evening if Mr. Carlisle has not recovered from his bout of flu. You requested a copy of the letter from John Bowis at Conservative Central Office which gives the points on the agenda and list of people who will be attending. This is now enclosed.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Mrs. Mary Bowden,
Department of Education and Science.

FRONT DOOR

The following are going to see the
Prime Minister at 1830 on Tuesday 8 July:

John Bowis
Peter Young
Tim Janman
Simon Richards
Tim Linacre
David Boyd
Chris Cozens
Jonathan Gillen
Paul Lowery
Lance Moir
Ian Patterson
Tim Cowell
Mark Griffith-Radburn

3 July 1980



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

I attach a letter from
John Bowis about your meeting
with the FCS.

Do you require any special
briefing for the topics they
wish to raise?

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*Q. 2 is for
Education - he. with
be present?*

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30 June 1980

Department of Community Affairs

Miss Caroline Stephens,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1

27th June 1980

Dear Carole

Prime Minister's Meeting with F.C.S.

Following our telephone conversation, this is to confirm that I shall be very happy to attend the meeting on Tuesday 8th July at 6.30pm.

I have spoken to Peter Young and apart from telling the Prime Minister about the FCS plans for the coming year, the main topics they would like to raise are:

1. Public Expenditure Cuts and Privatisation (I suspect along the lines of the article by Michael Forsyth in Now Magazine). *Attached. Cf.*
2. The Rationalisation of Higher Education - and in particular the question of non-vocational courses at Polytechnics and the possible reduction in the number of Universities and Polytechnics.
3. East/West Relations - including the suggestion by BBC World Services should increase its output both in terms of the power of the transmitters and the number of languages. Peter Young's particular hobby horse on this is Afganistan as he has contacts with some of the freedom fighter groups.

Those attending will be:

Chairman:	Peter Young
Vice-Chairmen:	Tim Janman Simon Richards
National Committee	Tim Linacre
Members:	David Boyd Chris Cozens Jonathan Gillen Paul Lowery Lance Moir Ian Patterson
Assistant Director-Youth:	Tim Cowell

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Tim will be there as Richard Diment, our Student Organiser, is unfortunately away as is the other Vice-Chairman, David Steyn.

We will be in touch again shortly with a little more detail about those attending. Also they are anxious that a photograph should be taken of the occasion and if this is in order, perhaps you would let me know if it is something that can be provided by you or whether you would like us to bring our own photographer along.

Yours sincerely



John C. Bowis
Director

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20th May 1980.

The Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON SW1.

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

I am writing to you as Chairman-elect of the Federation of Conservative Students in order to ask you to meet our new National Committee. We are all very committed to helping your government as much as we can, and I think a meeting would be very useful as well as giving encouragement to our members.

Perhaps I could outline some of our objectives over the coming year. Our main concern will be a campaign to identify and then press for the abolition of unnecessary items of public expenditure in Universities, local authorities and national government. We will be using our local FCS groups to investigate these areas and are also considering linking the campaign to the issue of privatising local government services.

Secondly, we will be launching a general philosophical and intellectual offensive with seminars, bookstalls etc. in order to educate both our own members and students in general. Thirdly we will be running a pro-nuclear energy campaign, and hope to get a permanent pro-nuclear movement going in the universities and colleges. It is important, I think, to stop the left's anti-nuclear movement reaching the same size as its equivalent in the United States.

There are undoubtedly a fair number of subjects which our National Committee members may wish to raise with you, but we would like to concentrate on the following:-

- a) Public expenditure cuts, and how more can be made.
- b) Reform of higher education to eliminate unnecessary courses and reduce socialist influence.
- c) Foreign policy towards totalitarian states and the possibility of greater support for the democratic movements in such states by various means including radio broadcasting.

We look forward to meeting you shortly, and in the meantime I wish you the best of luck in your task of sorting out this countrys' difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Young

Chairman-elect Federation of Conservative Students.

Federation of Conservative Students

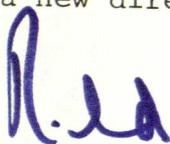
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CAROLINE STEPHENS

The Chairman elect of the FCS has written to the Prime Minister asking for a meeting.

There is one major reason why I think that their request should be carefully considered and that is because the Federation is, for the first time, in the hands (albeit over-enthusiastic ones) of people sympathetic to the Prime Minister's philosophy.

This particular point is well-illustrated in the letter and I believe it would be a pity, were the Prime Minister not to give them ~~some~~ encouragement for pursuing a new direction.



Richard Ryder

22nd May 1980

cc Mr. Gow
Mr. Alexander

PRIME MINISTER

Meeting with FCS

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Public Expenditure cuts and privatisation.
2. East/West relations - including the suggestion that BBC World Services should increase its output both in terms of the power of the transmitters and the number of languages. Peter Young will probably raise Afghanistan as he has contacts with some of the freedom fighter groups.
3. The rationalisation of higher education - and in particular the question of non-vocational courses at Polytechnics and the possible reduction in the number of universities and polytechnics.

Could you kindly take the education question last as Mr. Carlisle is joining the meeting at 1900?



7 July 1980

cc Mr. Gow
Mr. Alexander

PRIME MINISTER

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Ian Patterson	
Tim Cowell	(Assistant Director-Youth)
Mark Griffith- Radburn	(Photographer)



7 July 1980

8 JULY 1980

John Mowbray

MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF
THE FEDERATION OF CONSERVATIVE STUDENTS.

Those attending

FCS Chairman Peter Young, previous Chairman of Scottish FCS, studied History at Aberdeen University.

Senior Vice-Chairman Tim Janman, previous sabbatical secretary of Nottingham University Students Union, now works for Fords. Responsible for the FCS training programme.

Vice-Chairman Simon Richards, presently sabbatical secretary at King's College, London, where he studied history. Responsible for research, communications and the FCS philosophical offensive.

National Committee Members

Tim Linacre Sabbatical secretary at Nottingham University. Responsible for FCS international work and fund-raising.

Chris Cozens Previous General Secretary of Manchester University Students Union. Responsible for co-ordinating FCS campaigns and projects.

David Boyd Studies history at Dundee University, and is also treasurer of Scottish FCS. Responsible for FCS publications and Student Affairs.

Jonathan Gillen Last year Chairman of the South-East Area of FCS, studying at Kent University. Now working as an economist for a firm, and responsible for FCS Parliamentary liaison and liaison with the Young Conservatives.

Paul Lowery Presently studying at Bradford University, though he will move to Leeds next year. In charge of co-ordinating all our Student Affairs work.

Lance Moir Previous sabbatical office at Sheffield University where he studied Mathematics. Now works for Grindley's Bank and has responsibility for FCS Student Affairs and training work.

Ian Patterson Currently sabbatical officer at Teeside Polytechnic for a second year. Works on FCS training and recruitment and the non-university sector.

Staff members

John Bowis Director, Community Affairs Department

Tim Cowell Assistant Director (Youth), Community Affairs Dept.