



4.00 p.m.

for 15 mins

30 Nov.

10 DOWNING STREET

9th November, 1981

Prime Minister

Attached is a letter I have received from Tim Cowell at Conservative Central Office re the British Youth Council lobby of 30th November.

I really do think that you will get a very bad press if you do not see this delegation particularly as they are to be addressed by Michael Foot.

Could I prevail upon you to revert to your original plan?

Derek Howe

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9 November 1981

Derek Howe
10 Downing Street
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Dear Derek,

Jobs for Youth Campaign

Further to our conversation this morning, I am writing to give the details of my conversation with Mark Wooding, Vice Chairman of the British Youth Council.

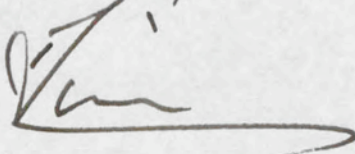
The lobby of Parliament on Monday 30 November will be the major feature of the campaign, which starts on Monday 23 November when the Jobs Express leaves Newcastle for London. It will be travelling via various parts of the country, collecting groups of young people en route, arriving on Friday 27. A variety of events have been arranged for the weekend, but the real political input will be from the Monday onwards, see the enclosed leaflet.

The whole enterprise is as a result of a collaboration between the British Youth Council, the TUC, the Education Department, NUS, Youth Aid, the Association of Asian Youth, and other associated bodies. The fact that it is a form of coalition of interest means that in essence it is not party political, although I suspect it will be somewhat difficult for them to maintain this.

The lobby of Parliament involves all 400 plus who have come to London on the Express, with other interested parties. After the lobby there is to be a series of meetings in the Grand Committee Room, which will be addressed by Michael Foot, Lord Beaumont and a Minister, who has yet to be designated. This has all been published, as has the fact that a small delegation are to meet the Prime Minister. This commitment resulted from correspondence John Collins had with the Prime Minister's Office. The intention had been that the Prime Minister would meet a small delegation on the afternoon of Monday 30, however, I know from Mark Wooding that Ian Gow has written to say that because of a pressing commitment the Prime Minister will now be unable to receive a delegation on the Monday afternoon.

I do believe that if the Prime Minister is now unable to receive a delegation at any stage, this will have grave political repercussions for us all. Is there any possibility that Mrs Thatcher would be able to meet the delegation on Monday 30 in the morning, or Tuesday 31, or even Friday 27 or Saturday 28. I can appreciate the many calls upon her time, but as we wish to emphasise to the young unemployed, and other young people, that we, as a Government and Party, have their interests as our top priority, I believe that this should be demonstrated from the highest quarter.

I have been able to persuade the BYC to hold back from informing the TUC that there has been a slight hitch in the arrangements, and I hope that I can have a response in a few hours so that we can avoid adverse publicity.

Yours ever,


Tim R Cowell
Assistant Director (Youth)

~~Sally~~ Spike Sally, names expected later. 26/11

Have you received X yet?

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10th November 1981

Further to Ian Gow's letter of 2nd November, I am now pleased to tell you that as a result of a re-arrangement in the Prime Minister's appointments, she will be free to see you and your delegation for 15 minutes at 4 pm on 30th November.

X || I would be grateful if you could let me know the names of the people who will be accompanying you.

The meeting will take place in the Prime Minister's room at the House of Commons. Could you please make your way to the Central Lobby, via St Stephen's Entrance, and I will arrange for someone to meet you there at 3.55 pm.

Derek Howe
Political Office

John Collins Esq

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Thought this might
interest you - thank
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SUPPORT WIDENS FOR JOBS CAMPAIGN

MASSIVE NATIONWIDE SUPPORT HAS BEEN POURING IN FOR NEXT WEEK'S 'JOBS FOR YOUTH' CAMPAIGN, MUCH OF IT FROM NON POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING STARS FROM SHOW BUSINESS

THE TUC'S ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY DAVID LEA SAID THIS AFTERNOON.

MR LEA, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE: 'THIS IS A NON-PARTY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, THOUGH THERE ARE DEMANDS FOR A RADICAL CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT POLICY ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT.'

LATEST AMONG THE CAMPAIGN'S SPONSORS ARE ENTERTAINERS BARBARA DICKSON, CLEO LAINE AND JANET SUZMAN.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE GIVEN AN OFFICIAL SEND-OFF NEXT MONDAY WHEN THE JOBS EXPRESS, WITH 125 SPONSORED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ON BOARD, LEAVES NEWCASTLE STATION FOR A FOUR-DAY NATIONWIDE JOURNEY, CALLING AT TEN MAJOR CITIES.

AT EACH STOP 25 MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BOARD THE TRAIN, WHICH WILL BE CARRYING 375 WHEN IT ARRIVES IN LONDON ON NOVEMBER 27 FOR A WEEKEND OF FESTIVITIES, A MARCH AND RALLY, A LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT AND A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

MRS THATCHER REFUSED TO MEET THE 'RIGHT TO WORK' MARCHERS EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT SHE HAS AGREED TO TALK TO A DELEGATION FROM THE JOBS EXPRESS TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS.

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PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS REVIEW AT 4 P.M.

...HOUSE OF COMMONS SITTING WAS SUSPENDED IN DISORDER THIS AFTERNOON DURING TRIBUTES TO MURDERED ULSTER M.P., THE REV ROBERT BRADFORD, WHO WAS SHOT BY I.R.A. TERRORIST ON SATURDAY.

...COMMONS SPEAKER GEORGE THOMAS SUSPENDED THE SITTING AFTER DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS M.P.S. SHOUTED DOWN NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY JAMES PRIOR FROM THE SIDE GALLERY.

...EARLIER, THE REV IAN PAISLEY TOLD THE COMMONS THAT MORE M.P.S WOULD BE KILLED BEFORE CHRISTMAS. AND PROTESTED WHEN SPEAKER STOPPED HIM PAYING IMMEDIATE TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD M.P.

...MEANWHILE IN BELFAST, PROTESTANT PARA-MILITARY UDA HAS CALLED ON ULSTER'S UNIONIST M.P.S TO WITHDRAW FROM WESTMINSTER, RETURN HOME AND SET UP A NEW COUNCIL TO COMMAND SECURITY FORCES.

30/11

2nd November 1981

Tim Lankester is now on secondment to Warburgs and so I am writing to thank you for your letter of 29th October, addressed to him.

To the Prime Minister's very great regret, she will not now be able to meet the small delegation at the House on Monday, 30th November.

I am sorry to say that the Prime Minister has to be present at another urgent meeting that afternoon.

However, the Prime Minister has asked me if I would meet you and your delegation, and bring you down to her room at the House where I would see you, together with a Minister from the Department of Employment.

If this is agreeable to you, I will meet you in the Central Lobby at 4.30 p.m. on 30th November.

Ian Gow MP
Parliamentary Private Secretary

John Collins Esq

PRIME MINISTER

Tim Lankester asked you back in September whether you would be prepared to receive a small delegation of young people who will be lobbying Parliament on Monday, 30 November. This is in connection with the "Jobs for Youth" campaign. Their main meeting takes place in the Grand Committee Room at the House at 1430 and, if you agreed, we could ask, say, half a dozen of them plus the organisers to come to see you here at No. 10 some time in the afternoon.

I attach the regional letter from the Chairman of the Youth Affairs Lobby.

Agree to see them here at No. 10 at around 1630?

30 October 1981

ES,
Would you consult
with David Woyson,
fully Mr. Pettit could do
this? - on Jan could
write for me
ret.

YOUTH AFFAIRS LOBBY

57 Chalton Street
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29th October 1981

Tim Lankester
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1.

Dear Tim Lankester

Thank you very much for your letter of 15th September concerning the 'Jobs for Youth' Lobby of Parliament to take place on 30th November.

You mention in your letter that, although the Prime Minister will be unable to speak at the Lobby, she is prepared to meet a delegation of young people from the train.

It would be most convenient for us if this meeting were able to take place some time during the day on 30th November and I would be grateful if your office could contact me to arrange a time.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Collins

JOHN COLLINS



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

15 September 1981

Thank you for your letter of 24 August to the Prime Minister inviting her to meet and talk to young people participating in the lobby of Parliament arranged by the All Party Youth Affairs Lobby on 30 November. The Prime Minister is unfortunately not able herself to attend the meeting, but has asked me to assure you that the concern of the Jobs For Youths Campaign, and the organisations that are supporting it, in particular about jobs, training and education for young people are very much shared by herself and the Government.

As you know, the Government will be spending around £450 million this year on special measures to help the young unemployed with work experience and training, and has now announced the new employment subsidy scheme to help stimulate more jobs for young people. These measures are designed to concentrate help specifically on those starting out on their working lives, and show the extent of the Government's concern.

Accordingly, the Prime Minister has asked that a Minister from the Department of Employment should be available to talk to the young people on the lobby, and I would suggest you contact the Secretary of State for Employment's Private Office about the arrangements. In addition, the Prime Minister would be prepared to meet a small delegation from the lobby, and I would be grateful if you could let me know if this is agreeable and who you would propose.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you in particular for the continuing efforts of your associated organisations to help the Government help the young unemployed.

J. P. LANKESTER

John Collins, Esq.

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1. Miss Stephens
2. Prime Minister

*You could do it if
you wish.*

John Collins, the Chairman of the British Youth Council, wrote to you recently inviting you to address a group of young people numbering about 400 who will be lobbying Parliament on Monday 30 November - with the emphasis on jobs, training and education. We now have advice from Employment on this, and they suggest that it would be more appropriate for an Employment Minister to address the lobby. However, they have suggested that it might be a good idea if you were to receive a small delegation, including the organisers, during the course of the day. Would you be prepared to do this? If so, I will write to them in terms of the draft letter at Flag A.

Yes not

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11 September 1981



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Mike Pattison Esq
Private Secretary
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9 September 1981

Dear Mike

Your note of 25 August sought our advice on a letter to the Prime Minister from John Collins, Chairman of the British Youth Council, inviting her to meet the young people participating in a lobby of Parliament on 30 November in connection with the "Jobs for Youth" campaign.

We think there are good reasons in favour of Ministerial attendance at the lobby. To begin with, it could provide an opportunity to put across the message that the Government is spending approaching £½ billion this year on helping the young unemployed. Moreover, John Collins is a notable and valued supporter of YOP and John Watson, who will be in the Chair, is Conservative MP for Skipton.

... On balance, however, we do not think it will be necessary for the Prime Minister herself to attend and the attached draft reply indicates that a DE Minister would be available for the occasion. At most, we think the Prime Minister might suggest meeting a small delegation including the leading organisers of the lobby, and a bracketed sentence to that effect is included in the draft. We do think the final decision on that point must rest with you.

Yours

Mamie Fahey

MISS M C FAHEY
Private Secretary

Our ref: PO 7666/81

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11 SEP 1981





10 DOWNING STREET

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From the Private Secretary

25 August, 1981.

Mr. J. COLLINS

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I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister from the "Youth Affairs Lobby" inviting her to meet those involved in a lobby of Parliament planned for Monday, 30 November.

I assume that the organisers of the lobby will be circularising all MPs, although it is not clear whether this is a circular letter or a special request to the Prime Minister.

I should be grateful for your advice about this approach, together with a draft Private Secretary reply. It would be helpful if we could have something from you by 4 September.

M. A. PATTISON

Miss Marie Fahey,
Department of Employment.

RH

25 August, 1981.

I write on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter to her of 24 August.

This is receiving attention, and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

M. A. PATTISON

John Collins, Esq.

YOUTH AFFAIRS LOBBY

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SR/PB

24th August 1981

The Rt. Hon Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Margaret Thatcher,

The British Youth Council, Afro-Caribbean Organisation, National Association for Asian Youth, National Union of Students, Trades Union Congress, and Youthaid have come together to launch a 'Jobs for Youth' Campaign in the Autumn. The purpose of the campaign is to focus national attention on the problems associated with youth unemployment and to provide young people themselves with an opportunity to take part in a positive campaign to highlight their own call for jobs, for training, for education, and for a voice in the future of the country.

The All Party Youth Affairs Lobby supports the aims and objectives of the 'Jobs for Youth' campaign. Consequently it has agreed to sponsor a lobby of Parliament on Monday 30th November. The 400 young people who will be involved in this lobby will be drawn from many different parts of the country, and will be composed of the young unemployed, young people on the Youth Opportunities Programme, students and young workers. They will have all taken part in the campaign's "Jobs Express", which will be travelling around the country during the previous week.

I am writing to invite you to meet and talk to the young people on the Lobby, at a meeting that will take place in the Grand Committee Room on Monday, 30th November at 2.30 pm. This meeting will be chaired by John Watson, M.P. who is Secretary of the Parliamentary Youth Affairs Lobby, and will last for about 45 minutes. We have also asked the Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, and the Rt. Hon David Steel to address separate meetings at different times during that afternoon.

I hope that you will be able to attend our meeting.

Yours sincerely

John Collins

JOHN COLLINS
Chairman, British Youth Council

Hon. President: The Rt. Hon. Edward Heath MBE MP
Chairman: Eric Deakins MP
Vice-Chairman: Alan Beith MP
Secretary: John Watson MP

Liaison Group Member Organisations: British Youth Council; Community and Youth Service Association; National Association of Youth and Community Education Officers; National Council for Voluntary Youth Services; National Youth Bureau; National Youth Assembly



british youth council

The British Youth Council is a representative forum for young people in Britain. Its membership is diverse, ranging from the Scouts and Guides, through Ethnic and Religious groups, to the youth wings of the major political parties. It has some 6 million members.

Youth unemployment is one of the major problems facing society. The latest figures show that more than half this year's school leavers will be unable to find work. In some parts of the country youth unemployment is already well over 50%. Only 38% of those who have been through the Youth Opportunities Programme can expect to find full-time work. And the situation is getting worse.

That is why the British Youth Council, the TUC, the National Union of Students, Youthaid, the Afro-Caribbean Organisation and the National Association for Asian Youth have come together to launch the "JOBS FOR YOUTH" campaign under the slogan "Give Us A Future". We want to put unemployment at the top of the agenda, and to give young people a voice and hope for the future.

JOBS FOR YOUTH

**GIVE US A
FUTURE**



A number of events are planned for the campaign, including the launch of a 'Youth Charter', and a 'Youth Festival' in the Spring.

JOBS EXPRESS

The focus of the campaign for the Autumn is the "JOBS EXPRESS" - a British Rail train leaving Newcastle on Monday 23rd. November and passing through Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham, Swansea, Cardiff and Bristol, gaining impetus and publicity before arriving in London on Friday evening. It will be carrying 375 young people from all parts of the country. (John Collins, BYC Chairperson, will be one of them).

Once in London a number of events have been arranged which anybody can attend - 3 concerts scheduled to take place on the evenings of the 27th., 28th., 29th. November at the Rainbow Theatre in North London, featuring top rock bands, and a march and rally (also with a variety of bands) on Sunday 29th. in Central London, which we hope to gain much support for.

Finally on Monday those who have been on the "Jobs Express" will take part in a lobby of Parliament, which will be addressed by Michael Foot and representatives of the Liberal and Conservative Parties. In addition a small delegation will meet Mrs. Thatcher.

- Do you want more information and publicity about the campaign?
- Do you want to speak to your M.P.?
- Do you want to go to the "Jobs Express" rock concerts?
- Do you want to join in the demonstration?

If so contact:

BYC ACTION DESK

on

01 388 4535

between 2p.m. & 7p.m.

(2nd. ~ 27th. Nov.)

**GIVE US A
FUTURE**



JOBS FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Lobby of Parliament Monday 30th November

Briefing for the Young People on the Jobs Express

The lobby of Parliament is taking place during the afternoon of Monday 30th November. The only people taking part in the lobby will be the 400 young people from the Jobs Express. There will be two main elements to the lobby, firstly the lobby meetings which will take place in the Grand Committee Room at the House of Commons, and secondly the individual lobbying by the young people of their own M.P.s. Throughout the afternoon we have booked a room at Central Hall, Storey Street, Westminster (4 minutes walk from the House of Commons), which will be the information and refreshment centre.

Meeting in Central Hall, Storey Street

At 1.00 pm there will be a meeting in Central Hall for briefing and a sandwich lunch.

Lobby Meetings in the Grand Committee Room, House of Commons

Access to the Grand Committee Room will be restricted to those people who have been on the Jobs Express and will be by ticket only. The timetable of meetings will be :-

2.30 Speaker on behalf of the Conservative Party, and discussion

3.30 Michael Foot on behalf of the Labour Party, and discussion

4.30 Lord Beaumont on behalf of the Liberal Party, and discussion

At each of the meetings the speakers will not speak for very long and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussions.

Individual Lobbying of MPs

In order to ensure that the maximum number of MPs are lobbied, it will be necessary for each of the participants on the Jobs Express to write to their MPs and arrange a meeting during the afternoon of Monday 30th November. The letter to the M.P. should be written personally by each person, stating why s/he will be on the Jobs Express and is taking part in the Campaign. It should be addressed to The House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1. A copy of the Jobs For Youth Campaign Charter should also be sent to the MP, as this outlines the major issues and objectives of the Campaign.

If your M.P. is able to arrange a meeting he or she will write back confirming the arrangements. On arriving at the Houses of Parliament, it is necessary to go to the St. Stephens entrance, show the letter from your M.P. to the policeman at the door, and then go through to the Central Lobby. In the Central Lobby the official at the desk will contact the M.P.

Maipoi Alan - Have you this letter?
Mrs May
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Council
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Alan - Have you this letter?

NFA?

Key
9/12

Mr Scholten

You may wish to
see Mrs. NFA, 10min.

RS/12

Mr Riggall

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7/12

Agree - Monday

With the compliments of the Right Honourable the Chairman

Mrs 7/12

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JOBS FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

A Campaign initiated by:
Afro-Caribbean Organisation
British Youth Council
National Association for Asian Youth
National Union of Students
Trades Union Congress
Youthaid

Representatives
Met PM at
H/C on 30/11



APPEAL TO LONDON FROM THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL, THE ILEA, AND THE JOBS FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Young people in Britain face a desperate future. Over a million young people under 24 are now out of work in Britain. Over half this year's school leavers are still without work — 30,000 in London alone. It is not surprising that young people feel rejected, powerless and bitter. The despair of a generation without hope threatens us all.

That's why six organisations have initiated a Campaign to ensure there is a better future for young people, and that they have a voice in creating that future.

The organisations represent a very broad spectrum of the nation's youth — Youthaid specifically concerns itself with the young unemployed; NUS represents over a million students; the British Youth Council is the 'umbrella' forum for all young people from voluntary youth organisations with sixty affiliates; the National Association for Asian Youth and the Afro-Caribbean Organisation are representative organisations for black youth; and, of course, the TUC represents young workers.

The Jobs for Youth Campaign will support no political party — indeed it has support from all parties. It has drawn up a Charter setting out the long term aims of the Campaign and calling for immediate practical steps to end the tragedy of youth unemployment.

The Campaign begins with a 'Jobs Express' in November. With some 400 young people on board representing the nation's youth, the train will visit nine cities up and down the country during the final week in November. The train will arrive in London on Friday, 27th of November where those on the Jobs Express will join some 2,000 young people from round the country who will be in London to participate in the weekend's activities. These include a major Young Peoples Festival and a demonstration on Sunday, the 29th of November.

The Campaign will continue into the Winter when the Charter will provide the basis for discussion groups throughout the country. In the Spring the Campaign will be organising a further major national event with the aim of involving young people

The Campaign needs money. We are appealing to you for a generous contribution. Cheques should be made out to 'The Jobs for Youth London Appeal' and sent to Jobs for Youth Campaign S.E. Co-ordinating Committee, Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS.

The Campaign's slogan is 'Give us a Future'. We hope you will agree there is no more vital task for us all. We cannot afford to fail.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Knapp
Chairman South East Regional Council TUC

John Ward
Chairman Greater London Council

Ann Ward
Chairman Inner London Education Authority

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