



HOUSE OF LORDS,
SW1A 0PW

FRIDAY, 18th February 1972

11.00 a.m. Mr. Webb (Mrs. Margaret Davies)

3.00 p.m. Ministerial meeting, No: 10.
(GEN 77 - Parker Report)

& Home Judgment.

Dsb wfe. arrived home. un 5 mins sms to DS my Cab
 Mis xkr yk W'fme 14-11. An n St James Square. nl 14 do
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Kbn dops n Or t lw Mis xkr a NCB
 t see P.M. den Savoy Grill Carnington, W. White Lane.
 Barber. (Carnington paid!) Oyster, guinea Salmon, White Burgundy
 (xl-)

m 11 D.S. Dyw jl att. v-x (jif af m dni) @
 Gomley hb salt P.M.: @ Da no mo z fjk @
 facesaver fm NCB consolidating bonus Ef. gtbk ho
 0230.

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SAT morning

FA kbt.

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Disturbed weekend. Arrived home. Within 5 minutes summons to 10 Downing Street emergency Cabinet. Miners' executive rejects Wilberforce 14-11. Then in St. James's Sq. Only 14 days more coal. Thereafter 25 per cent [*Generating*] capacity only (subject to picketing, real possibility) no domestic stock industrial useable. Abyss. Cabinet indecisive divided. Try to tell them that we must stick to Wilberforce or show white flag. Carrington made decisive comment. We can not [*bin*] Wilberforce with the ink scarcely dry on the report. I said we should last no more than 6 weeks if we gave in. On the other hand those who were for a strong line do not face the fact that [*limited*] stock was not the picketing [*but*] the stocks of [*coal*] *bv* [*generators*].

Cabinet dispersed in order to allow Miners' executive and NCB to see P.M. Dinner Savoy Grill Carrington W. Whitelaw Barber. (Carrington paid!) Oysters, grilled Salmon, white Burgundy (excellent).

Return 11 Downing Street. They were still at it. Eventually (just after midnight) learned Gormley had been said to by P.M: that no more was forthcoming. Facesaver from NCB consolidating bonus shift. Got back home 0230.

We have avoided a great evil but Wilberforce is bad enough.