

and there will be an increase in the mobility allowance for the disabled.

The Tories don't like indexed pensions and they are, of course, a sitting duck when one is thinking of cutting public expenditure, and the Tories think of little else.

Local

Bill Homewood will be supporting the fight to retain Steel Making at Corby. The closure of the Iron and Steel Works would be catastrophic for Corby and a serious blow to employment opportunities throughout the Kettering Constituency.

Bill welcomes the Labour Manifesto commitment to keep imports within acceptable limits as being an encouragement to local Boot and Shoe and Garment undertakings.

He also welcomes the promise of further assistance to industry to create a firm industrial and employment strategy, this will enable local industry to modernise and improve its competence.

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BILL HOMEWOOD your LABOUR CANDIDATE

Bill Homewood is a full time Trade Union Official.

Born in 1920, he left elementary school at 14 and through spare time study made his way to Ruskin College, Oxford, and gained an Oxford University Diploma in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

He has worked in the Silk, Engineering, and Aircraft Industries, before spending 18 years in the Steel Industry in Corby. During the war he served 4 years in the RAF as an Aircrew Navigator.

Bill now lives in Sutton Coldfield, but he is a local, having lived in Market Harborough for 21 years, married a Great Easton girl, and lived in that village for 18 years; his father and practically all his relations live locally. He played soccer in the old Kettering Amateur League and had a schoolboy international trial at Rugby Union whilst in Market Harborough. He was 7 years as Market Harborough District Councillor, 7 years Secretary/Agent to the Harborough Divisional Labour Party and 17 years a Trade Union Official in Corby, before taking his present job.

Dear Elector,

"Every election is a watershed but this one, more than most, faces the British people with a fundamental choice about the kind of society they want to live in and which Party has the better chance of achieving it".

I do not apologise for lifting the above quote from the Sunday Observer of the 1st April, 1979, for I believe it is absolutely true and couldn't be put better and I am proud that I have been chosen as Labour's candidate at this historic time.

For the choice is stark, society either moves further along the road of National Unity and Co-operation under Labour or it is plunged back into the position of a two Nation State under the Tories.

During the past 5 years Labour has laid the foundation for a stronger and more prosperous Britain and the Party is determined to see that all our people share fully in that prosperity.

Under Labour the Country has come a long way from the chaos that the Party inherited from the Heath government in February, 1974, inflation is now under control, living standards have risen, taxes have been cut, whilst benefits and pensions have been raised.

We have a buoyant Balance of Payments situation and the criticism of the £1 sterling now is not that it is weak but that it is too strong.

Unemployment remains too high, but due to direct intervention by the Government in the industrial and work creation areas, our unemployment level is lower than in most of the other Western Industrial nations.

So do we continue down the road of national partnership and co-operation to the achievement of a caring, civilised community? or do we throw it all away by our excursion into the casino of the 18th and 19th century economics that the Tories will have on offer?

I have every confidence in the British electorate and offer myself for your support in the knowledge that most of my life has been spent locally and I will be using this knowledge for the benefit of all those living in the Constituency.

Bill Homewood

VOTE LABOUR

Bill and his wife Joan



Unemployment

The world slump in economic activity following the 1974 five-fold increase in oil prices had a disastrous effect on employment levels in the Industrialised countries of the world.

Labour has mitigated the effects of this situation by direct intervention in industry to the extent of saving almost ½ million jobs.

To this end massive assistance has been given by the National Enterprise Board, an institution which the Tories would probably destroy. Special employment and training measures have retained a ¼ million jobs and a further 70,000 jobs have been raised by the Small Firms Employment Subsidy in Special Development Areas.

The new Labour Government will introduce legislation guaranteeing a job, or a retraining, to anyone out of work after a year.

Common Market

Few would now believe that our membership in the Common Market is a National Asset, for it has pushed up prices, reduced employment, undermined our democratic rights and taken £800,000,000 per year from our national coffers for the privilege.

Labour is committed to seek a sharp reform of the market, particularly of the Common Agricultural Policy, and the return of sovereignty to Westminster.

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But Bill Homewood, is sceptical as to the possibility of reform and will be campaigning for a new referendum in the light of our experience.

Inflation

Over the past 4 years labour has reduced the rate of inflation from 26% to 9%, and the new Labour Government will continue to give top priority to further reduction, the target being the achievement of a 5% level in three years.

Such a target can only be reached by co-operation with the Trade Union Movement and the TUC has already pledged its whole hearted support.

Labour will give greater power to the Price Commission to investigate and reduce prices, and also to the Monopolies Commission to ensure that pricing policies are equitable and not designed to serve narrow sectional interests.

Proposals by the Common Market to raise food prices will be opposed until food surpluses have gone.

Industrial Relations

The joint Government/TUC statement published recently shows that the Labour Government and Trade Union Movement are united in a strong partnership to build a better Britain.

Co-operation between Trade Unions and Government is the only possible course and it is difficult to understand how anyone who remembers late 1973 and early 1974 can even contemplate confrontation as an alternative; however, Tories have such short memories.

Labour will implement a major extension in Industrial Democracy in all those companies employing 500 or more people and there will be an Industrial Democracy Commission to stimulate these ideas at the work place.

Pensions

Labour has, without question, been good for pensioners. Retirement pensions rose during the period 1974 to 1978 to a point where even allowing for price rises, pensioners were 20% better off, plus the Fuel Discount Scheme and Christmas Bonuses, with similar movements for other pensioners.

Labour will continue to increase pensions in line with price rises when in November of this year the pension for a couple will go to £35, and to £22 for a single person.

At the same time child allowance will go to £4.50



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Except for the past 10 years, Bill Homewood has lived locally all his life. He knows your problems, and here is his message:

It is my conviction, having visited many factories over the past 12 months, that local industries and employment levels are dependent upon Government intervention. Here are some examples:

The Boot and Shoe industry has been saved from extinction over the past three years by import controls and financial assistance. In August of last year the Government had set aside £4½ million to support the industry in the East Midlands.

The Garment industry has, in the majority of cases amongst local firms, taken full advantage of the Temporary Employment Subsidy to sustain its level of employment, added to which the Government has offered £9.4 million as assistance to the industry in the East Midlands.

Small Engineering and Electrical Industry. Many local employers have expanded, by taking up part of the £28.8 million offered as assistance to the Industry in the East Midlands.

Iron and Steel Industry. Only a Labour Government will respond to the fight to prevent the BSC from closing the Corby Iron and Steel Works.

You can't afford the Tories' free-market-play, non-interventionist industrial policies—for it is your jobs they are talking about.

VOTE LABOUR — VOTE HOMewood

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