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PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST
ON BEHALF OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY

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VOICE OVER: It's seven years since the Conservatives came into power. So naturally you might be tempted to wonder, what would Britain be like today if Labour, or even the Alliance were in the driving seat, just how smooth would the ride have been then.

For instance, take inflation. Would it be around five per cent, as it is today, or would it be out of control? And as for the Alliance, would they even know how to start? But under the Conservatives our economy is growing. Growing faster than France and even Germany. So the Conservatives have been able to increase spending on the Health Service by a real twenty per cent. We now have shorter hospital queues and are treating millions more patients a year than were treated in 1978 under Labour. Just think how it might have been in Britain under any other Party.

Take strikes. They are now at their lowest level for almost fifty years. Do you think that would have been possible under a Labour Government? After all, it was the bitter strikes in 1978 that helped bring the Lib-Lab Pact to an abrupt end.

And what would have been the result of the miners' strike under a Labour Government? After all, consider what Labour have already got in tow, including an extreme tendency to pull in the opposite direction.

The Alliance, however, prefer you to believe they are firmly in the middle of the road. But the way they almost always vote with Labour indicates their true position.

And there is law and order. Just think of all the groups funded by Left-wing authorities, with the apparent soul purpose of harassing the police. Ask yourself, what chance would law and order have under a Labour Government?

And just think how much Town Hall bureaucracy could increase. And Town Hall spending, imagine what Left-wing council could get upto under a Labour Government.

Which leaves once major subject, unemployment. Would Labour or the Alliance have done better than the Conservatives? Well, Labour's plans for Britain involve spending twenty four billion pounds, that is equivalent to raising VAT from fifteen to forty one per cent. But economy is something Labour has never been good at.

Labour's old Socialist model is expensive to run, but they are so fond of it, they are determined to keep it going, whatever the cost. The Conservatives, however, prefer practical solutions to problems. For instance there are about half a million job vacancies in this country, because in many cases there aren't the people with the skills to fill them.

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So this Government has created the most ambitious Youth Training Scheme in Europe, in which our youngsters will earn while they learn, and it means that no sixteen or seventeen year old need be unemployed.

In a difficult age difficult decisions need to be taken. Labour can't do that because the union bosses won't let them. And, as for the so-called Alliance, they have at least two views on every subject. Which leaves only one Party which knows where it is going, and the best way to get there.

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